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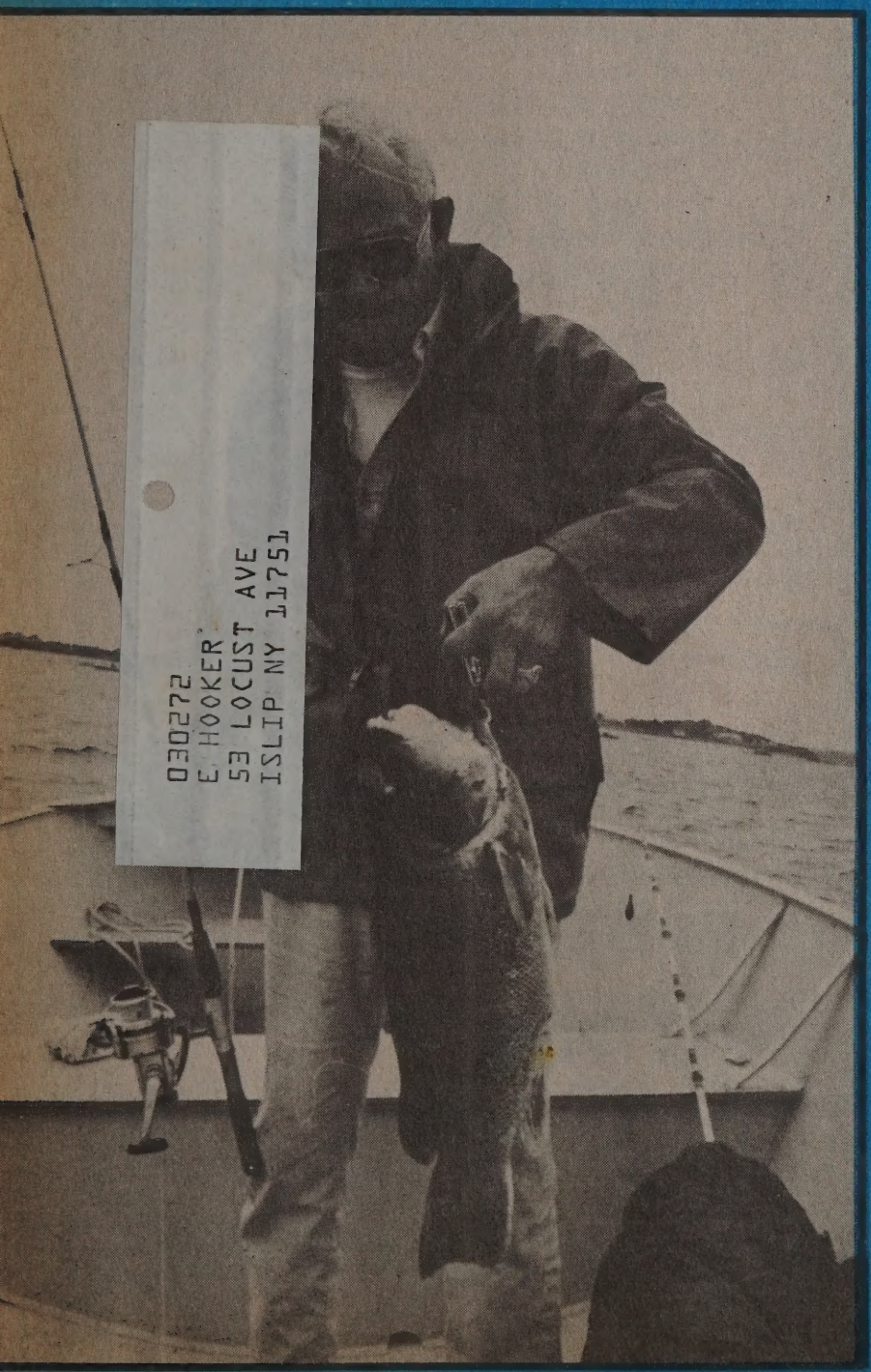

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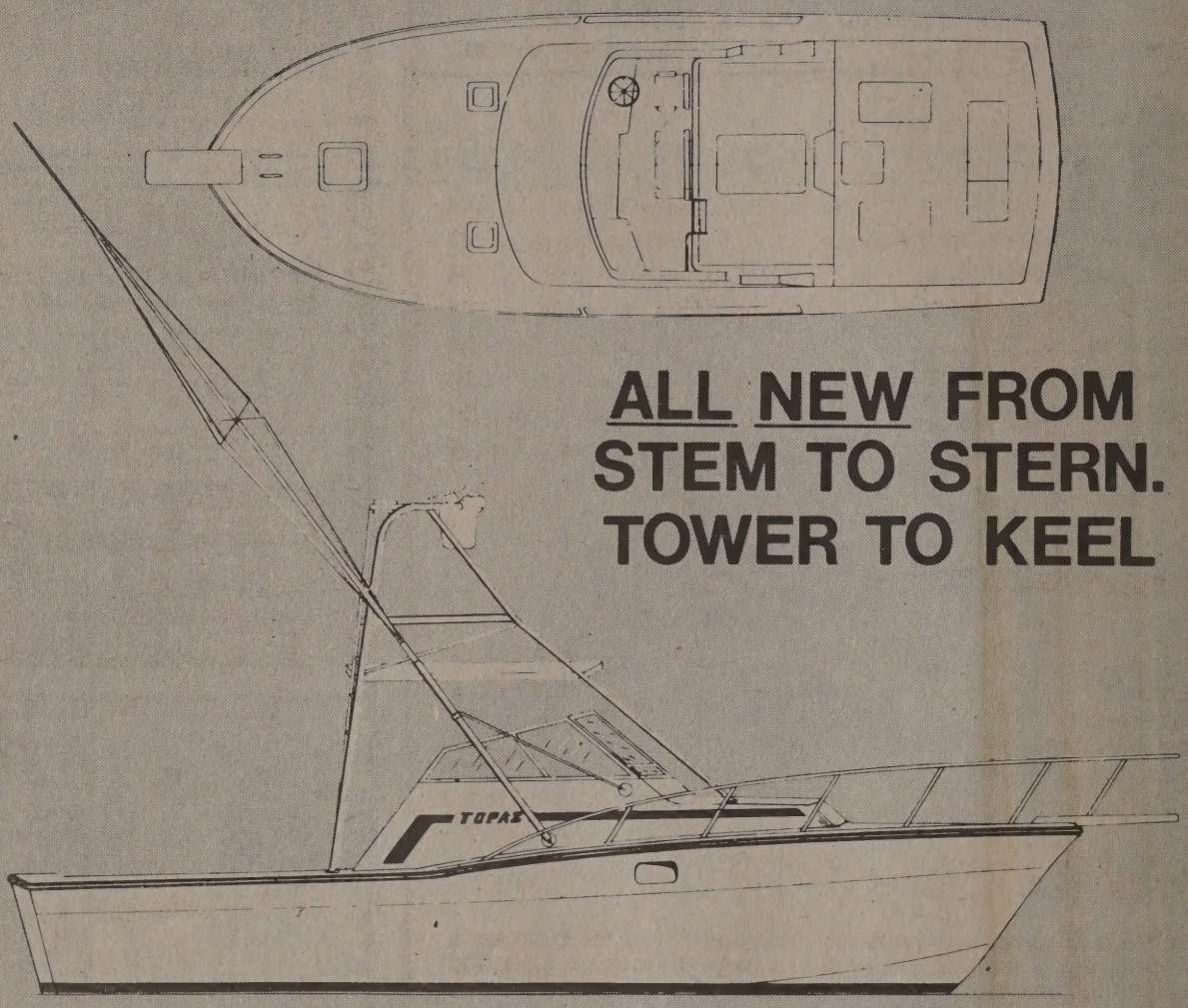

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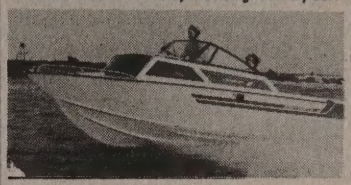

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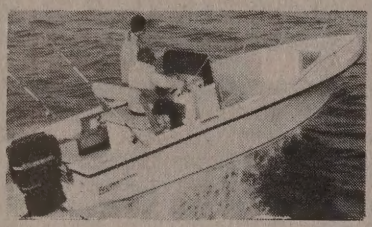

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BE HEARD: REGISTER TO VOTE!

Dear Friend:

Several weeks ago Bill Muller wrote an article titled "Politicians Say: Tough Luck for Striped Bass." Bill concluded his article by stating "We must remember what happened when we vote in November!!"

This brings me to the point: in order to vote, you must be registered. The time to register is NOW—not in November.

Don't get caught in the argument that your vote doesn't count. The NRA is not a potent group because it has money; it works because its members and legitimate gun owners are registered to vote. They check where the candidates stand on the issues and vote accordingly.

The recreational fishing industry could do the same, but not uness you register and vote. There are 2.5 million recreational anglers in New York. If just half of them registered to vote, no politicians anywhere—Town, County, State or Federal could act without considering their interests.

It's easy to register. You can register in person in Suffolk on October 14th from 4:30 PM to 8 PM-October 16th from 2 PM to 9 PM, at each Town Hall except Smithtown (Smithtown Elementary School, Lawrence Ave.) and Islip (County mini-center, Union & 4th Ave. in Bay Shore). In Nassau County registration will be on October 14th from 1 PM to 9 PM and October 16th from Noon-9 PM. You should contact the Board of Elections at 535-2411 on details of where to register that day.

If you join The Long Island Fisherman staff and me in taking part in the electoral process, you can be assured that our voices will be heard in Albany and in local government. Very truly yours, *Owen H. Johnson, Member of the Senate.*

WE COULD STOP THE ILLEGAL NETTING

The indicent of Swift Creek of the illegal netting makes me laugh. I was told they cleaned up on the netting several nights. This same person owns a fishing station where I keep my boat.

Those netters and boat should be banned from *all* local waters. The fine was not severe enough.

I witnessed several years ago, a dragger going across the mouth of Jones Beach Inlet. It was at daybreak and as soon as other boats came out to fish, they moved out where they belong. (Fluke.)

It is a shame that all boat stations, fishing stores, Freeport Boating Assn. and what other businesses that have anything to do with fishing don't speak out loud. "No guts."

Fishing in the inland waters could be better. I have fished there for over 25 years at Freeport. I don't complain because I happen to be a good ling jerker. Fish light; give the fish a break. Leave some; take some. I fish no more than three or four hours, mostly on the incoming tide. *Ted.*

We agree. Too often apathy is the friend of the criminal and the enemy of the righteous. It takes guts, but also time and energy. We need support for this issue and many others. Many times someone will call our office about an incident. That's great, because we need the information. But when we ask, "Did you call the DEC, the Coast Guard, the bay constable?" we are told no, because the person didn't want to get involved. It will take a lot of people getting involved to get these jobs done. People to write letters, speak to legislators, go to court and testify. If an outpouring of citizen outrage is lacking, then it becomes hard to move officials any further than their desk chair. Dr. W.A. Muller.

HOW COME WE DIDN'T HOLD THE FISH?

Let me start off by stating that I am a subscriber to your magazine which is thoroughly enjoyed by my entire family. Now, for the reason that I am writing this letter. I recently purchased several 4 oz. tiger finished Tri-Fin Teardrop lures. Since the lures came unadorned with tails, I also purchased a quantity of green tubing material, at the local tackle shop. The tubing material was affixed to the lures. The lures when then pre-sharpened to ensure proper hook-hold capability. We also ensured that the tails were affixed without interfering with the free-wheeling swivels.

Recently, my son and I frequented a favorite party boat at Captree. Our destination was the HA buoy. When we arrived at the location, we set up our drift and commenced to fish. This is when all of my problems began. Though the fish was not deemed as red hot, we were picking them up at a steady pick (or should I say that the other passengers were). My son and I made numerous hookups, but to my chagrin, not one bluefish was boated. Most of the fish were lost at the surface; while others were lost reeling them to the top. Since the both of us are not new to the act of catching bluefish (jigging, squidding), we paid special attention to not allowing the fish to gain leverage at any time. After an hour and a half of this nonsense, we switched over to A47s. With the new lures on the job, not one bluefish eluded our fish barrel.

I know this is a difficult question to answer—what happened? *S. Meyerson, Flushing, NY.*

Well, you folks certainly seemed to have done everything just right. Normally I'd say that the hooks weren't sharp; but you sharpened

them. Then I'd suggest that the tubes were interfering with the swivels; but you checked for that. That leaves us with a real dilemma. Still, there is one good possibility. There are many jig-type metal lures being made and sold today and many of them are fine lures, too. Each lure, however, has a slightly different action than the others and I believe this is the key to your story. On certain days the bait may be a little bigger or a little smaller, the water may warm up and the bait is swimming differently, the sea conditions are just so, so that the light is passed through the water in a certain way, and so on. In other words, on some days there are special but subtle changes in the behavior of the bait or its appearance. Lures, as you know, mimic the behavior of the bait. Thus, subtle differences in the action of slightly different lures coincides with subtle changes in bait action. The result is that game fish will either not hit a lure that they ate up yesterday or they will hit it with just a bit less enthusiasm. The result is that instead of hooking the fish in the jaw or its hinge, the fish is lip hooked and frequently breaks off. This is just one possible explanation, but it is very possible. We spent a number of days diamond jigging at Montauk a few years back and the scenario went something like this. First day Ava 27 without tubes; either on the jig or above it. Second day, Ava 27 with a red tube ahead of the jig and the fish would take only the tube. Third day, DeMaio Sand Eel jigs. Fourth day, Tri-Fins with green tubes. You handled the situation very well because when you had trouble you looked around you and switched to what was successful for others. Dr. W.A. Muller.

Pass It On...

MID ATLANTIC COUNCIL PUSHES BLUEFISH MANAGEMENT PLAN

By all accounts, there are plenty of bluefish in the waters off the Atlantic Coast. Strangely enough, that's what has so many people worried, including the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council which has recently completed a plan to restrict the commercial catch of bluefish in the FCZ.

Ever since its conception, the proposal for a fishery management plan (FMP) for bluefish has been controversial. To date Council action has been limited to commercial fisheries or species declining at an alarming rate. Bluefish don't fit either category. Commercial fishermen, who want a free crack at the abundant bluefish resource, oppose any kind of management. The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), which has at times indicated it would like to assist in developing markets for the commercial fishery, is reportedly against an FMP on the grounds that only a small portion of the fishery takes place inside the Council's 200-mile jurisdiction.

Nevertheless, the Mid-Atlantic Council has acted on the conviction that an expanded commercial harvest of bluefish poses a very real threat to both the present abundance of the resource and the extremely valuable recreational fishery that it supports. With striped bass fast becoming a memory and weakfish on the decline, bluefish has become the life blood of the charter and party boat industries and, according to the NMFS Sandy Hook (NJ) lab, accounts for as much as 75% of the sport fishery from Long Island to the Chesapeake Bay. As a preventative measure, then, the FMP would limit the commercial catch in the FCZ to the greater of six percent of the previous year's sport catch or 7.2 million pounds. NMFS estimates that the 1980 recreational catch was about 99 million pounds and the commercial catch was 17 million pounds. Although information on stock sizes is admittedly poor, the maximum sustainable yield (MSY) is believed to be somewhere around 115 million pounds, which means that the stocks are probably fully exploited and supports the Council's contention that any increased harvest would adversely impact the existing fishery.

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NMFS is correct in that the majority, anywhere from two-thirds to three-fourths, of the bluefish catch occurs in the territorial sea (within three miles of shore), but the Mid-Atlantic Council does not agree that its action is either unnecessary or will have little effect. On the contrary, the Council points out that the catch in federal waters, while much lower in numbers, amounts to almost six times the weight of that landed in state waters, and commercial activity directed at bluefish, notably purse seining, is increasing more rapidly in the FCZ than near shore. Actually, if bluefish are to be managed effectively throughout their range, a cooperative state/federal plan much like that for striped bass will probably be necessary. But that should not preclude any action, the Council seems to be saying, that will help to maintain the stocks of bluefish at a healthy level until such a plan is realized. Moreover, in the absence of an FMP the states could take years to develop a plan, whereas a crisis could develop almost overnight. The Council hopes that if and when a crisis does develop, the FMP will serve as a framework for action by the states.

"There is an irrefutable formula at work here which supports the Council's position," notes NCMC Director Ken Hinman. "If the resource is indeed fully exploited, then any significant increase in fishing pressure, such as large scale netting, is a problem. It is conceivable that indiscriminate netting of bluefish in the FCZ could reduce populations enough to throw the recreational and tourist industries on parts of the Atlantic seaboard, which are so dependent on plentiful stocks of bluefish, into economic chaos. It is about time we shed the outdated notion that a fishery must be in trouble before we manage it. In bluefish we have the opportunity, a rare one these days, to manage a resource while it is still thriving and to keep it that way."

FLORIDA GILLNETTERS STIR UP STORM IN THE CHESAPEAKE

Using spotter planes and large roller-rig gillnets called "high rollers," four Florida-based vessels have been catching bluefish in lower Chesapeake Bay to the outrage of Virginia and Maryland anglers. Roller-rig fishing is now banned in Florida's territorial waters under a moratorium imposed by the state legislature on July 1, 1981. The action was taken in response to an outcry from sport fishermen and hook-and-line commercial fishermen that the big gillnetters were decimating king mackerel stocks. The technique involves the encirclement of a whole school of fish with a large-mesh gillnet. The fishermen then use high-speed chase boats or explosives to panic the fish into the net.

Despite pressure from the Conservation Council of Angling Clubs and other groups, including the State of Maryland, Virginia's Governor Charles E. Robb has ordered the Marine Resource Commission to explore all possible information about the problem and assemble scientific and economic data before taking any action. Governor Robb's stated objective is to place as few restraints as possible on any business enterprise in the bay area. Behind the brouhaha is Louis Fass of Fass Brothers Inc., who earlier this year promised to buy all the bluefish offered to him. Fass has made no secret of the fact that he believes that there is an opportunity to develop a strong export market for bluefish, and this is evidently the business Governor Robb is determined not to interfere with. Large-scale commercial fishing for bluefish is a sore subject with inshore anglers. With the virtual disappearance of the striped bass, the bluefish is now more than ever the mainstay of the beach and small boat fishermen from Maine to North Carolina. Traditionally, sport fishing has dominated the fishery with anglers landing 80% or more of the total bluefish catch. In a recent letter to Commissioner James E. Douglas of VMRC, Coalition Director Ken Hinman concluded, "The present abundance of bluefish now should not make us complacent about enacting measures to protect the stocks, because as we have seen so many times before, some methods of fishing when allowed to go uncontrolled have the frightening ability to turn things around very quickly."

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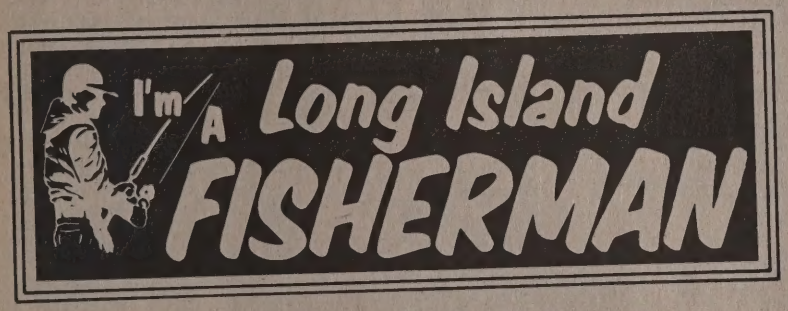

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RECORD BASS

by Pete Barrett

Albert McReynolds is a happy and proud fisherman. He has accomplished what every striped bass fisherman hopes to catch—a world's record striper. When I saw him this past Wednesday morning, though, he was tired—very tired. And who wouldn't be? He had spent the entire night chasing his favorite game fish and had battle with one fish in particular that could only be described as huge as it hung from the scales for all the local world to see and admire.

Al's remarkable achievement actually started more than 20 years ago when he first began fishing for striped bass in earnest. Since that time when he was in his teens, he has fished for bass at every opportunity, often fishing five, six or seven nights in a week. Over the years he has scored some good catches, even winning the Atlantic City Striped Bass Derby a few years back, but no fish came close to this possible record bass. His previous heavyweight was a striped bass of 39 lbs.

According to Al, this past season has been one of his better years and while many bass anglers bemoaned the lack of fish, Al simply kept up his usual pace and has limited out more than once during the past year.

Fishing buddy, Pat Erdman (left), saw the fish and called to Al, "There he is—it's a big tail. It's a big fish!" Al's three other bass and one weakfish, caught the same night, lie next to the potential record.

His fishing territory stretches from Brigantine Beach on the north down through Ventnor, Margate, Long Port and down to Absecon Island and he fishes from both the local jetties and the surf. He's a plug fisherman and among his arsenal of favorite lures are the Rebel, Creek Chub, Polaris and Hopkins, but he fishes with a wide selection of other lures to suit the fishing occasion and changing conditions. When it comes to live bait his preference goes to live eels, bunker and mullet.

His record night began while jetty jumping with his fishing buddy, Pat Erdman, a fellow member of the Wet Ghost Striper Club and almost constant fishing companion. At first it was Pat's night. He scored on four bass that night before seeing the big fish. Al had dropped one fish and was getting the feeling of "What am I doing?" as his buddy's rod bent under the strain of another fish. While Pat was hooked up he saw the tail of a truly large fish and called out to Albert, "There he is—a big tail. It's a big fish!"

Moments later Albert saw his plug get eaten by the big fish and the long battle began. The hook-up occurred at about 10 PM and Al went toe-to-toe with the stubborn, hard fighting bass for nearly two hours before finally landing it at 11:42 PM.

Tired, but not ready to leave good fishing, Al and Pat stayed the night and continued to fish. The northeast wind was building swells up to 10 feet and there were lots of mullet pushed against the rocks at the Ventnor Avenue jetty—conditions were just what Al liked. Before the next morning arrived, he had caught three more bass and one weakfish.

"Some of the swells were so big they were up to our knees, but everything was just right, we knew there were bass there and we had to stay," said Al and the proof as he said that was on the scales and could not be denied.

The next morning, weary, but pleased, Al weighed his fish at Campbell's Marine Bait & Tackle. The fish was obviously a heavyweight, but he was pleasantly surprised as the scales steadied at 78 lbs. 8 oz.—a possible world record catch!

That very same morning he filled out the papers for application for an IGFA record and the vital information was shipped off to the International Game Fish Association. Now all Albert can do is wait patiently until the line is tested and the IGFA nods its approval for this remarkable fish.

At 53 inches in length the striped bass was not unusually long, but with a girth of 34 inches and a head that looked immense, the deep belly made the difference in the overall weight.

It was a bass of a lifetime and one that Albert McReynolds will surely be proud of. It is also a fish that every other bassman will be aiming at as the quest continues again for a new record fish. Al's bass should be a tough one to beat, though.

Al McReynolds strains to lift the possible record striped bass he caught fishing off the Ventor Ave. jetty at Atlantic City. At 78 lbs. 8 oz., it is the heaviest striped bass ever caught by rod and reel.

WHAT IT TOOK TO CATCH A RECORD

ANGLER: Albert McReynolds, Atlantic City.

FISHING EXPERIENCE: 24 Years.

FISHING CONDITIONS: Northeast wind 25 knots, 8 to 10 foot swells, lots of mullet present.

THE LOCATION: Ventnor Ave. jetty, Atlantic City N.J.

TACKLE: Penn 710 spinning reel, Shimano 10' surf rod #SP-310.

LINE: 20 pound test Ande pink monofilament.

LURE: 5½ inch floating, swimming Rebel.

MISCELLANEOUS REQUIREMENTS: A bad case of striped bass "Fever" which causes the angler to fish seven nights a week in quest of this magnificent gamefish. Lots of desire to stick with bass fishing even in times of few fish. Stamina to fight a 78 pound, 8 ounce striper for nearly two hours. A fanatical attention to the details of knot tying. Tackle tuned up so it performs perfectly.

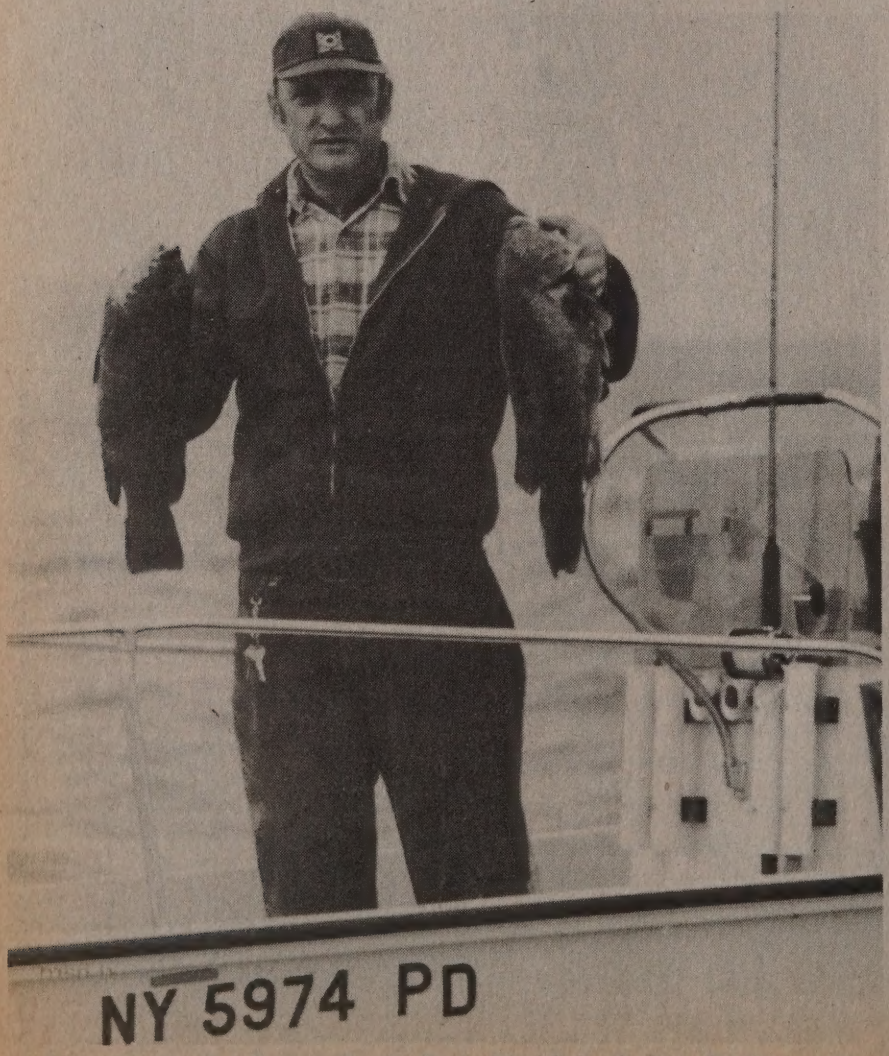
TAUTOG AND TEMPER TANTRUMS

by Martin and Janet Garrell

Its fighting ability and eating qualities make overcoming the obstacles well worth the effort.

Fred Riedel, our visitor from the state of Washington, stared down at the fish in the net. The look on his face was a mixture of surprise and disappointment. "So that's your ------blackfish!" After telling him stories about the great local October tautog fishing, we'd dragged Fred down off Mulford Point, and now he was gazing at his first blackfish, a muscular 3 lb. specimen. Despite careful instructions on hooking blackfish, he'd struggled for an hour before finally connecting; here, at last was his fish in the boat, and he was not impressed. Instead, "small" and "ugly" were the adjectives that came to mind for him. We quietly raised the anchor and spent the rest of the afternoon dunking worms for flounder and casting for blues.

Fred was not an exception; tautog are hardly a beginner's fish. In fact, many bottom fishermen who've made their reputation on other species through the years do so badly on their first blackfish trip that they become leery. After losing dozens of baits, losing several rigs on the bottom, and losing a number of fish on the way to the surface, they lose their composure as well and quit in disgust. At that point, it would take an instructor with the patience of a saint and the wisdom of Matt Ahern to turn their attitudes around.



Experts aim for larger North Fork blackfish during October and November.

Of course, that's a pity, because **Tautoga onitis** is not only one of Long Island's "fightingest" game fish, it's also one of our tastiest. Given a bit of patience plus a lot of bait, learning the art of tautog angling can be great fun. Three obstacles lie in the way, however: locating the critters, picking up the timing of the bite and strike, and wrestling the larger specimens to the surface.

Tips from local tackle stores or rental stations a few days in advance will give you an idea of approximate areas and proper water depths, which range anywhere from 15' to 50' on the East End. After that, it's a matter of locating a hard, rocky bottom and trying for a quarter-hour or so in various locations until you pick up a nibble. This can be difficult when you're the only boat off some remote Sound beach in late October; but when you find a school of grazing blackfish, you've got them all to yourself. It can be even more exasperating in a fleet, though, when a couple of other boats have that day's hotspot and you cannot draw so much as a nip without fishing on some other fellow's transom. Better to haul anchor and find another area on your own without looking back at the lucky lads doing the leap job.

Timing the strike may be the most difficult part of blackfishing, especially when tautog are in a pecking rather than a swallowing mood. Although soft bait like strips of clam or hunks of hermit crab are occasionally inhaled without hesitation and although huge blackfish sometimes suck in small sections of green crab or a fiddler, these are exceptional takes. Most wrasses peck a bait with their front teeth for taste, then swim back a stroke or two to think things over before returning to take it solidly. Strike during that period of hestitation, and there's no fish there. Strike immediately afterwards, and the fish may only be hooked lightly in the lip,

so lightly that the hook quickly pulls free. Delay the strike too long, and old bucktooth may feel the hook and spit it out, completely clean. Veterans will tell you to wait for a "second tug" when the hook has just reached the tautog's throat and before the fish can reject it. Hitting a major league curve ball is probably easier!

Jan's father, Roy Wendel, from Grant's Pass, Oregon, amazed us with his sense of touch for blackfish. He'd never fished for them until we found a group of two to four pounders last summer during an excursion for porgies. Using a light spinning rod and porgy rig with size 6 claw hooks baited with strips of clam or sandworm, Roy promptly pulled five fish on four drops of his rig; a double-header was included. It was lots of fun with the six pound test outfit, but we were startled that he never seemed to miss a fish. His secret? Unless the first "bite" felt really solid, he'd simply wait for the second tug before striking; but, he said, if there was no second tug within a couple of seconds, he'd "lift sharply anyway."

In shallow water with light tidal flow, the feel for blackfish nips and tugs can be enhanced by the use of light tackle. For water depths under 30' and sinker weights of three ounces or less, fish under five pounds shouldn't be much of a problem with six pound class gear, provided knots are well tied and lines are in perfect shape. Lately we've experimented a bit with standard, tandem, snelled blackfish rigs to see if any hooks score better than Virginias in sizes 7 to 4. Small O'Shaughnessys or claws are easy to sharpen and they do give us a feeling of confidence when fishing with soft bait. Taking a page from the freshwater carp angler, we've found tiny trebles in sizes 6 and 8 to be absolutely deadly for pieces of clam belly. Nevertheless when it comes to hard baits and large blackfish, we put away the other hook patterns, switch to Virginias, sharpen as best we can, and hope for the best. Incidentally, when fishing hunks of green crab, rigging with heavy leader material of 40 lb. test or more above and below the sinker seems to reduce line twisting substantially. Fortunately, large tautog are not leader shy!

For deep water wreck fishing it's a tough compromise between tackle beefy enough to handle eight ounces or more of lead and big blackfish, and tackle sensitive enough to feel the fish pecking in depths of 50' of more. Lately we've been satisfied with conventional reels spooled with 10-15 lb. test lines, mounted on rods with fairly fast tapers, light tips, and plenty of backbone. Skeptics say that such gear is too light for husky tautog on cluttered bottoms, but, for fish to about 10 lbs., we respectfully disagree. Actually, if main strand knots are tied full strength and leader materials test 40 lbs. or more, even a #4 Virginia hook can be straightened out with 20 lb. class gear. Hence, a 20 or 30 lb. class outfit is too much for standard or small blackfish hooks. Of course, if you're really going to need those #2 or #1 Virginia harpoons and bait whole crabs for tautog that range into the teens, stay with the heavy stuff. Better wear a belt and harness though, and have your doctor give you a physical before you go.

Dick Crandall gazes at a 5 lb. tautog that he finessed off the bottom near Mattituck Inlet.

The real secret to wrestling large tautog off the bottom, as sharpies demonstrate so well, is timing rather than brute force. The strong lift of the rod on the strike, if followed immediately by rapid pumping to gain a few yards of line, usually suffices to disorient old bucktooth. Even though the fish may make a strong surge back to the bottom, keep the rod high, try to turn its head, and pump it back again as soon as the run stops. If you're lucky, even a trophy black won't quite reach its favorite crevice during the seesaw battle. Eventually the constant pressure works in the angler's favor.

The careless angler who loses control and fails to check the fish on every run often pays the price. "Hung" or "got under something" are the saddest words spoken on a blackfish trip. Once in awhile, though, the fish can still be salvaged. Last spring, we were fishing soft baits for small blacks in the "rat" class—1 to 2 lbs.—near Mattituck Inlet with Dick Crandall, a visitor from New Jersey, when our friend hooked a nice tautog on a conventional bait casting outfit and 8 lb. test line. Instead of forcing the fight, he played the fish gingerly, as though it were a weakfish. Within a minute, fish plus rig were solidly clamped to the bottom. Rather than breaking the fish off, we tried waiting it out; then we used a maneuver some clever open boat skippers have in their repertoire. The anchor is lifted, moderate pressure is maintained on the fish, and the boat circles the spot where the rig is hung. The technique worked. About three-quarters of the way around the full circle, the force on the line changed ever so slightly; the fish had swum free! We hauled hard, and the surprised blackfish came off the bottom nicely, towed at first by the boat. That 5 lb. bulldog taught

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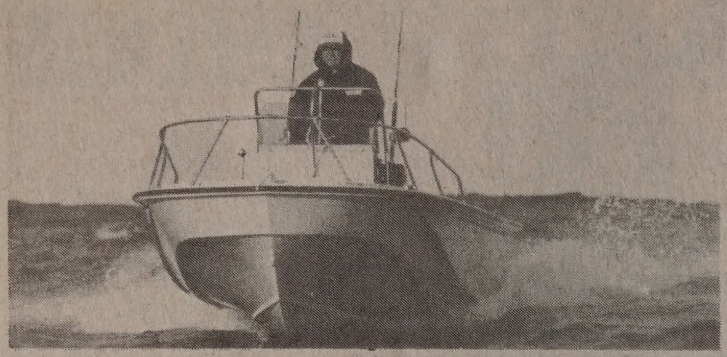

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Dick a lesson about being too gentle with the rod!

Probably the supreme challenge in blackfishing is climbing aboard a party boat and trying to match the handful of regulars who've had decades of experience. No way! Look for the quiet fellows on the bow or the stern who use pendulum casts, drop baits smoothly to the bottom, stare intently at perfectly still rod tips and lines, and hook up solidly almost every time they raise a rod. When asked how they do it, they usually shrug and say, "I can feel that fish ready to bite; there he is now... hup!" Another blackfish is on its way to the surface. After a full day of fishing, you've got a few modest fish in the box but they've got a bucketful that includes a couple of heavyweights or pool winners. Exasperating? As one friend told us, you feel like taking your favorite fishing rod and biting it in half!

Still, every dog has its day, and there will be times when your location and timing are there. Then you make up for the humiliation inflicted by many blackfish trips. In those cases, someone else may be suffering instead. Eight years ago, on the day before Halloween, we were fishing with Tony Lemos of Massapequa off Mulford, and were doing really well with our fiddlers and green crabs. Fish were abundant and hungry and our skiff was anchored near a couple of sunken boulders that must have been blackfish condominiums. However, boats around us were only picking at fish, and one pair of anglers some 50 yards away seemed to be particularly irritated.

As the tide ran down, Tony and I realized that we had our share of fish and began to release them. The voices from the adjacent boat became more strident. Suddenly, action stopped for a minute, that pregnant pause that tells tautog anglers to watch out for particularly large fish moving into the area. Nevertheless, we were hardly prepared for the wallops that nearly pulled the rods out of our hands.

Tony's fish broke off quickly, but I was fortunate enough to gain a couple of feet of line and start mine off the bottom. On 8 lb. test line with a medium spinning rod, the wrestling match was fierce—like fighting an Otis elevator, for ten minutes. Finally, Tony slipped the net under the blackfish and we shook hands. The other fish in the catch were weighed later and there were several that went over 6 lbs. The big hen fish looked half again as big, perhaps more than 8 lbs., but she never hit the scales.

I slid her out of the mesh, worked the hook free, and lifted her gently over the side. One baleful glare from her little green eyes, a convulsion of her thick body, and she dove out of sight. The air around the nearby boat turned absolutely blue with shouts and curses.

Tautog and temper tantrums seem to go together.

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WHEN BUNKER MIGRATE

Part Two — *by John Fritz*

One good session with slammer blues will change the minds of most casters who balk at the use of bait for these critters.

As I start to write this article I have just received a bit of news that will gladden the hearts of those anglers who follow the bunker schools as a means of catching monster bluefish. Seacoast Industries is suspending its operations along the East Coast for at least two years. They are the owners of those pale green and dirty yellow boats that scoop up every bunker they can get their nets around, whether it is in legal waters or inside the boundary prohibited by law. All knowledgeable fishermen are aware that bunker are one of the primary forage fish for several species of gamefish. Of particular importance to surf fishermen is the fact that striped bass, bluefish, and weakfish all sustain an appetite for menhaden, which, when concentrated in a specific area, will serve as a powerful attraction to any predator swimming in nearby waters.

It is common knowledge that the harbors of the north shore of Long Island play host to considerable numbers of bunker throughout the fishing season. On some occasions, more common in the past than in recent years, anglers fishing from either boat or beach will take part in some hectic fishing as schools of rampaging bluefish excitedly pursue the tightly packed hordes of bunker. Boatmen, in most instances, will partake in the greater part of this activity for two reasons. First, the major portion of this shoreline is inaccessible to non-residents; furthermore, even if an access site can be found in a location featuring a supply of bunker, there is no assurance that there is where the action will take place. Bunker, when hard pressed by a determined predator, will invariably change locations in an effort to escape, making it difficult for anyone on foot to maintain contact with the school. The situation is not totally bleak for the surfman because in the late summer and early fall, as the bunker prepare for their move to the sea, excellent fishing can be had from the beaches adjacent to the mouths of these harbors. Here on the ebbing tide, repeated encounters with monster bluefish, stimulated by a desire for tasty bunker, can be part of the fishing scene for a period of several weeks.

This phase of the bluefish-bunker association generally begins to produce results as the month of August draws to a close and continues into October. Their departure schedule is related to the speed and severity of approaching winter weather, so with the realization that the beginning and end of most runs of fish usually provide sporadic results, September is a prime time to pursue this opportunity.

The huge harbors of the western Sound, with their wide, expansive openings, provide little opportunity for pinpointing the travels of these fish. Perhaps harbors better for the surfcaster's purpose are the narrow inlets such as those found at Mt. Sinai and Mattituck. These confined channels to the open waters of the Sound leave little room for the bunker schools to slip by the waiting predators. Induced by the outgoing currents to leave the inlets, they generally follow the flow of the tide toward the east. When pressed by the bluefish lying in the deeper water, the bunker tend to hug the shoreline in a vain attempt to escape. Surf fishermen, taking advantage of this natural event, will station themselves along the beaches to the east of these inlets.

No bait or lure can match the hatch better than a slice of fresh bunker. While this may seem obvious, it is not an easy matter to comply with, for getting a supply of fresh dead bunker requires time, effort, and a knowledge of the area and habits of the bunker schools. There are occasions when the bunker will pass along the open beach in tightly packed schools, ideal for a quick-thinking surfman to swiftly snag a few with a weighted trebel before the school swims off in the distance. In order to be prepared for just such a lucky event, a bunker snagger should be part of everyone's equipment.

On moonlit nights, combined with a flat sea, it is a simple matter to pick out the approaching schools. The telltale scattered splashes as the school of bunker moves slowly downtide will provide ample warning of their approach. During the new moon period or when cloud cover obscures any celestial light a calm sea will provide the silence necessary to hear a nearby school. It is on nights when an onshore wind stirs the surface that the presence of bunker is difficult to detect, unless the bluefish are actively pursuing the school, causing the bunker to rush across the surface in panic.

The best chance of snagging a supply of bait is to be found inside the harbors, usually in a cove or sheltered area adjacent to the main channel. Early mornings or evening trips to the inner harbor will frequently provide the opportunity to obtain a quantity of fresh bait. If time or circumstances prohibit such excursions for fresh bait, frozen bunker purchased from a local bait and tackle store will suffice. Try to find an outlet that offers local bunker, for they are usually of of more recent origin; a factor which makes them a bit more acceptable to the blues, especially when they are in one of their picky moods.

Without a doubt, better rewards are gained by fishing after sunset. Since these beaches front on the normally placid waters of the Sound, the use of lanterns is of questionable worth. I have a negative feeling about lanterns when fishing calm waters, but in reality I have not fished with anyone who has used a lantern here so I have no comparison to relate. Whatever method is practiced, careful attention to the rod tip is a must. Given the size and reputation of these bluefish, one would assume that they would strike the bait with savage ferocity. Very often this is the case, but there are times when they will gently mouth the bait, seemingly savoring its flavor, before making a decision to accept or reject the offering. At times like this the rod should be gently removed from the sand spike without jerking the line, lower the rod tip and wait until the fish forcefully moves off with the bait before attempting to set the hook. Occasionally the blue will take the bait away slowly. When this happens it is best to let him go until he pauses to swallow the bait. If a hookup is missed let the bait lie for several minutes; frequently the fish will return and resume its feeding. After a period of time has elapsed reel in and check the bait; if there is any doubt about its effectiveness do not hesitate to replace it with a fresh piece.

When fishing alone or with few companions, I usually begin the evening fishing with two rods, but if the action comes at a steady pace I'll hold the second rod as a reserve. When fishing with two rods it is difficult to pay strict attention to each

and one never knows when a savage strike will drag a rod out of the spike and into the water. On such occasions I set an extremely light drag and use only spools equipped with the dog intact so that I can hear when line is taken out. This dog is not an added feature but a original part of each spool, which is often removed by plug casters to provide a silent drag system.

Heavy tackle is appropriate for these teen-sized blues, but if crowds and obstructions are not part of the scene greater enjoyment can be had if the tackle is scaled down. Heavy sinkers are not necessary, 3 or 4 ounces is generally sufficient, so a rod and reel capable of casting this weight plus the chunk of bunker is all that is needed. Long casts occasionally produce more fish but there are also times when I've seen just a piece of bunker, without a sinker, slung into the sea and produce just as many fish. Conditions can change with each tide, so it is wise to be prepared for any contingency.

In line with this thought of being prepared beforehand, it is advisable to fashion several rigs and have them ready to replace those lost or damaged. Plastic coated, 40 lb. test wire leaders, 8 to 12 inches in length, and equipped with oval 2 inch x 1 inch corks is the standard. Stainless steel Siwash or O'Shaughnessy hooks ranging in size from 4/0 to 6/0 occupies the business end of the leader which is attached to a normal fish finder rig. The usual snap at the terminal end of the fishing line will provide for a speedy change to a new leader should it become necessary.

Fishing trips undertaken on nights accompanied by no adverse winds have proven to be the most successful. Since these shores face in a northerly direction strong winds from that quarter should be avoided, although the initial stages of a northwest wind has produced short-lived blitz conditions in the past.

Surf fishermen without ready access to these harbors can try their luck along the unbroken beaches of the Sound. The results here are not as consistent but patient anglers are often rewarded for their efforts. Here some thought should be given to the chosen fishing locations. In most instances the points of land occurring periodically along this shore are too rocky for successful bottom fishing. The preferred locations are generally to be found along the shore just to the west of these spurs.

Bottom fishing for bluefish does not rate high on the list of many surfmen's priorities. There is no arguing with the ensuing action after one of these brutes is hooked, only with the method used to reach the end result. Plug casting is ideal on those occasions when conditions conspire to stimulate the fish into hitting daylight lures, but on those calm, placid nights when little else is happening a bout with teen-sized blues will have you coming back for more.

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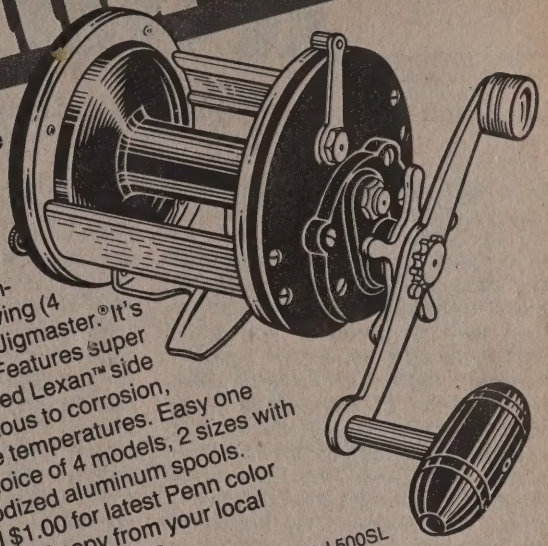

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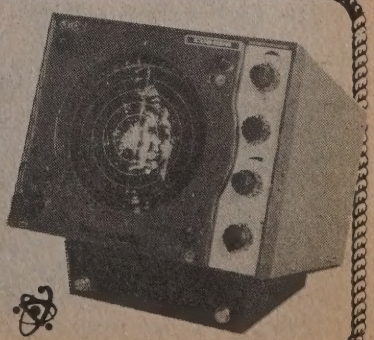

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A BEACH BUGGY ROD RACK

by Brion Babbitt

After a surf fisherman invests in a vehicle suitable for plying the terrain of his favorite beaches, usually the first modification to the newly acquired sand rover is a rod rack. A rod rack is a highly useful addition to any fishing vehicle. Even if you don't patrol the surf per se, a good rod rack can mean more convenience and increased ease of transportation of those long, one-piece surf sticks! And to anyone who's been in the middle of a bluefish blitz and had their outfit malfunction or tangle in a display of untimely obstinance, they know the value to having several other rigs ready and waiting to go on the front bumper!

Beach buggy racks can't be purchased readily (at least as far as I know) mainly because there are so darn many different types of beach buggies and "one size doesn't fit all." So if you really want one, you have to go the do-it-yourself route. But if you're not mechanically inclined (like me), you may be in a bit of a quandary. In this regard, a little design help in the matter can be a big start in the right direction.

Following is a description of a basic rod rack which is made of straight and angled strips of aluminum. The rack can be put together for about $50 and should be adaptable to a variety of beach buggies. Moreover, this rack has the added advantages of being lightweight, rust-proof and easily removable. The rectangular framework is standard, as are the mounting instructions for the rod tubes. Only a few modifications might be needed with the mounting bracket configurations required to fit the whole rig to your type of vehicle. In my case (a 1977 Ford Bronco), all mounting brackets were easy to make from the aluminum and were affixed directly to the vehicle body by appropriate drilling through and below the grille. In each individual situation some changes may be needed but it shouldn't involve any drastic alterations from the basic idea developed here.

Here are the materials you will need for building your rod rack:

10 feet of PVC pipe (2" I.D.)

8 feet of aluminum angle strip (1/8" thick x 3/4" wide)

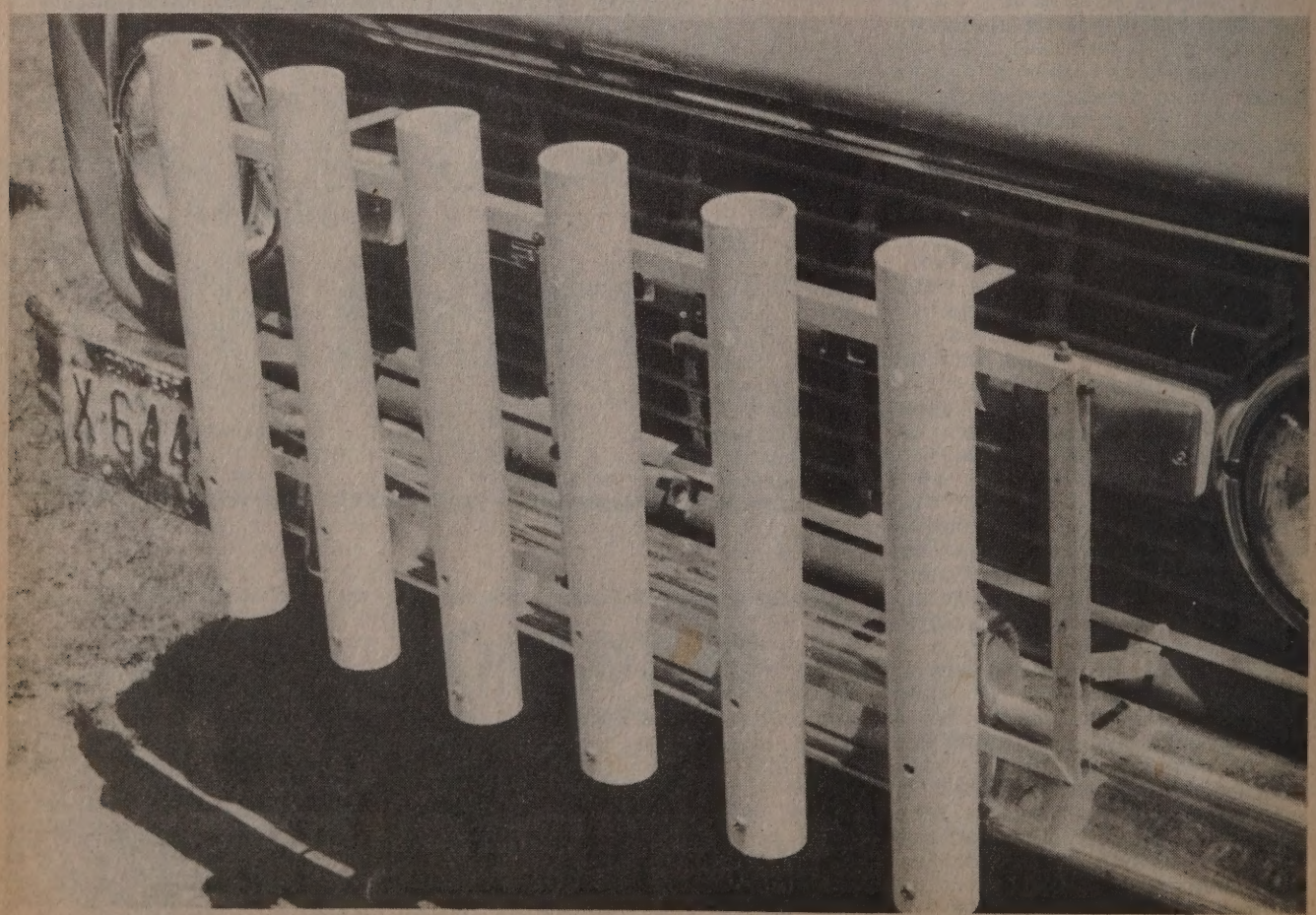
4 feet of aluminum flat strip (1/8" thick x 3/4" wide)

6 stainless steel bolts (3¼" long), **nuts, flat washers and lock washers**

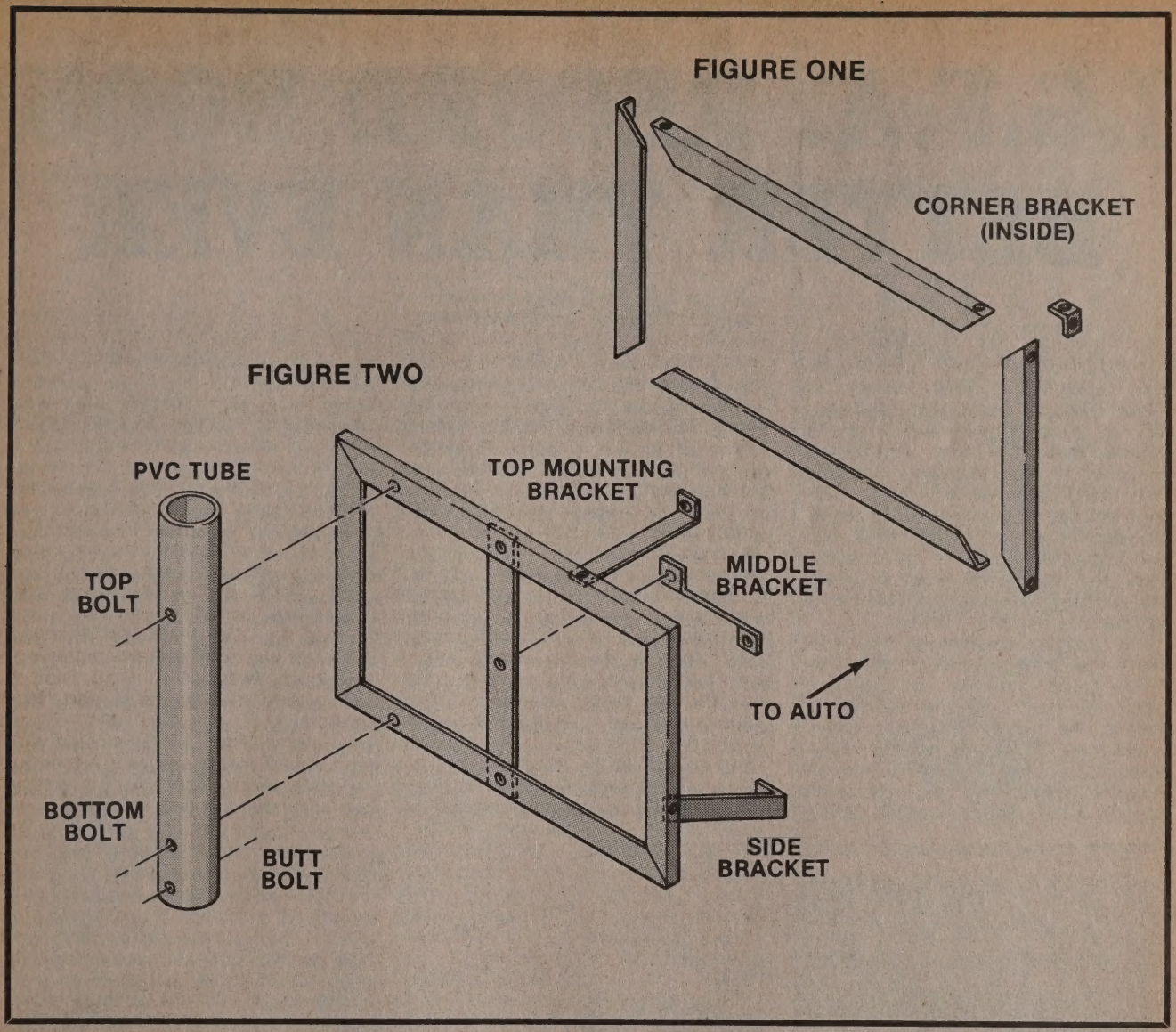
18 brass bolts (3/4" long, slotted with round head), **nuts and lock washers**

12 brass bolts (1" long, slotted with round head), **nuts and lock washers**

Starting with construction of the basic framework (Figure 1), use a



Completed rack on my 1977 Bronco.



hacksaw to cut two 36'' lengths of aluminum angle strip, beveling the ends at a 45° angle. Cut two 12'' lengths for the sides, also beveling the ends.

Using the flat stripping, fashion four corner brackets by cutting off and bending small strips such that each side is 1'' long. As shown in Figure 1, drill each corner of the frame and each corner bracket at about 5/8'' in from the end. Use 3/4'' brass bolts to secure the frame, putting the bolts through from the inside and the nuts on the outside. A hacksaw can be used to cut off obtrusive bolt ends. Be sure to use lock washers with the nuts to prevent road vibration from loosening the bolts.

Next, take the PVC pipe and cut it into six sections 19½'' in length. For me, this length of pipe has proved to be a good all-purpose length. Carefully drill each pipe section at 3'' from the top, 5'' from the bottom and also 1'' from the bottom. The drilling should be done slowly at first to get the hole started. Make certain that the pipe and drill are in proper alignment or else you will have holes that are off-center.

The top hole and hole 5'' from the bottom will serve to mount the pipe to the frame (Figure 2), while the bottom hole (with added bolt) will act as a butt stop for your rods. Of course, the rods you intend to use must have a butt section of 19'' or more to properly fit in the rack.

Space the six pipes equally along the frame and drill the frame at the top and bottom to acccmmodate the pipes. Using 1'' brass bolts, attach the pipes to the frame. Since the pipes are ''through-drilled,'' a screwdriver can be inserted in the front hole to hold the bolt during tightening with a wrench. And don't forget the lock washer with each nut! Addition of a 3¼'' stainless steel bolt and nut, along with flat and lock washers at the very bottom of each pipe completes the basic frame/pipe set-up.

Now for added strength and rigidity, cut a piece of flat strip for a middle strut. The strip should be 11¾'' and, after drilling of the strip and frame, bolted to the inside of the frame using 3/4'' brass bolts.

At this point, the remaining task is mounting of the frame/pipes to your vehicle. As mentioned previously, this may require some alterations from the mounting bracket configurations shown in Figure 2. With my Bronco, five mounting brackets—two top brackets, two side brackets and one middle bracket—provide an amazing amount of stability and strength. These brackets were formed from flat strips of aluminum which were bent in a vise and then drilled to secure the rod rack to the vehicle. Since the strip aluminum is easy to work with, modifications, if needed, are simple to devise and accomplish in most instances.

Personal touches can be added to customize the basic rod rack: pipe lengths can be varied to taste, slots cut in the tops of pipes can hold spinning reels from rotating and cork tape can be added inside pipe tops to cushion and prevent edge damage to rods.

The entire rod rack consists of PVC (plastic), aluminum, brass and stainless steel—all of which are very corrosion-resistant. Thus, discounting ''fender-benders,'' the whole lightweight assembly can be expected to have a long service life and provide years of fishing convenience.

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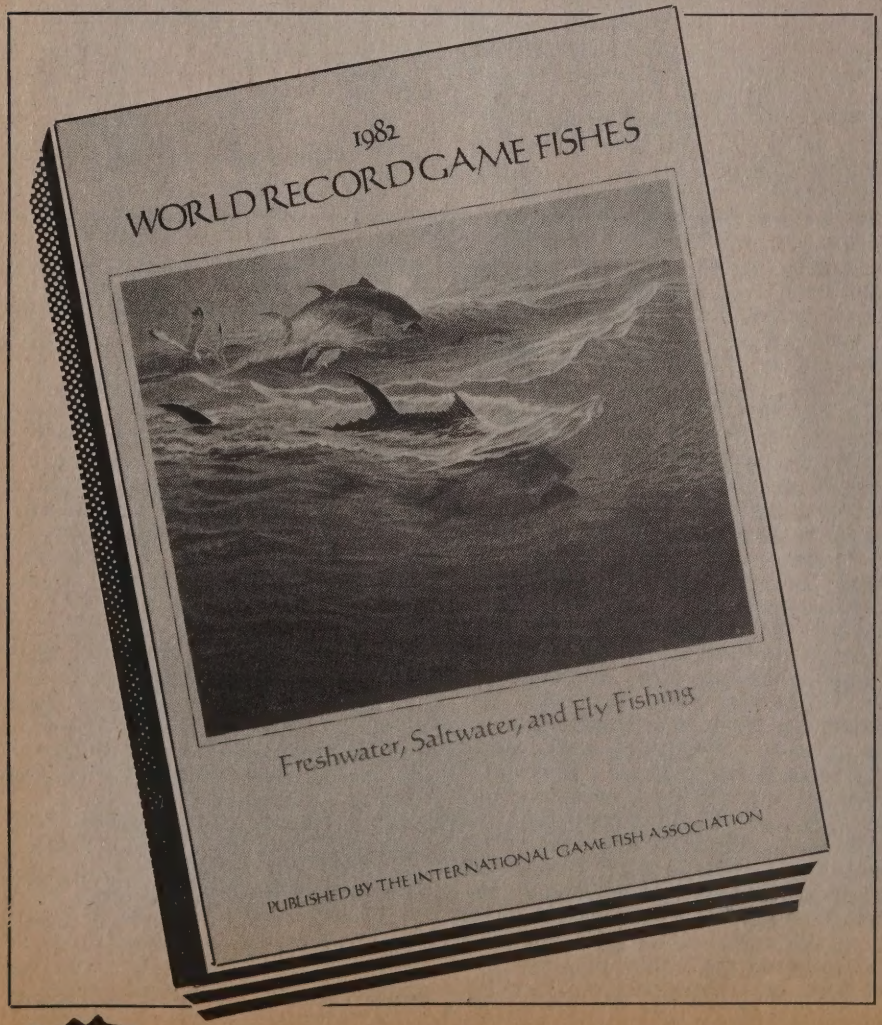
by Al Ristori

The fisherman's "Bible" is available once again. The 1982 version of "World Record Game Fishes" is hot off the presses and every angler should have a copy. Published annually by the International Game Fish Association (IGFA), this 328-page volume not only lists the ever-increasing number of record fish, but also includes reams of information about the recognized fresh and saltwater game species—and features a number of interesting articles.

The articles themselves are well worth the $6.95 postpaid cost from IGFA. Leon chandler, of Cortland Line, lets us in on the secrets of braided line manufacturing; Steve Zuckerman, holder of eleven IGFA records, gives the lowdown on pursuing world records; Hawaiian skipper Rick Gaffney talks about rigging high speed lures; fisheries biologist DeWitt Myatt and his wife Evelyn discuss midwater artificial reefs; John Pearce, of NMFS, warns of threats to our inshore fisheries from pollution and other causes; and Don deSylva and Mark Poli analyze that insidious tropical fish poisoning, ciguatera.

Everything you have to know about submitting a world record claim is in this book, including an application form. Carry it with you at all times, as you never know when you might get lucky. The requirements are strict, and if you aren't aware of the significance of your catch it's likely that you'll fail to get everything together for a record application.

The significance of this was brought home to me this spring when I jigged a 20 lb. horse-eye jack off Walker's Cay, Bahamas during the Mako Outdoor Writers' trip. I put out the word on the radio about this big jack and was about to release it when one of the other writers said it might be a new Walker's Cay record. We arrived back at the dock after closing time and the dockmaster wasn't anxious to get his scales out. However, the fish was weighed on two Chatillion spring-type hand scales (which are very accurate) and checked out at exactly 20 lbs. Since this was a full two pounds more than the old record, the dockmaster said that was good enough—and the matter was finished.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It wasn't until I got back to the States that I checked "1981 World Record Game Fishes" and found out that the old Walker's Cay record was also the world record in the line class I was using. By that time it was too late to worry about the fact that I hadn't gotten the fish weighed on an approved scale. Fortunately, it turned out that the line class record had been beaten by a 23 lb. 2 oz. horse-eye taken at Cancun, Mexico last October. That fish is also the new all-tackle record for the species. Nevertheless, in the future I'll be a little more careful in checking out record possibilities.

Study the angling regulations carefully, and be sure you understand what's required in a world record application. Among other things, specific photos and line samples are necessary—as are approved scales and witnesses. Photos must show the full length of the fish along with the rod and reel and the scale used to weigh the catch—plus the angler. Photos must be particularly clear in the case of species that can be misidentified, and shark applications should include a shot of the head and front teeth. At least 50 feet of line must accompany the application—plus the double line and leader. All of that must be submitted in one piece. In addition to the verified weight, there must be specified length and girth measurements. Various signatures are required, and the completed form has to be notarized. It's not easy, but there's no great problem involved if you're aware of the requirements beforehand.

In addition to the world records, the IGFA has a yearly contest which is open to all. The present contest started last September 1 and extends until November 30. Not only can you

submit entries for fish already recognized by IGFA, but also for any other species at all. If sufficient interest is shown in a given species, it will be added to the IGFA roster and line class categories established. First, second, and third place certificates are issued, and all entrants receive a certificate of catch. Unfortunately, you do have to fill out the IGFA record form and comply with all the record requirements. This means that most big fish that aren't of record size simply aren't entered—and the winner often turns out to be a relatively small fish that was submitted for a light line class record.

As an example of the above, first place IGFA contest fish last year included a 5 lb. 1 oz. smallmouth bass (nice, but no lunker); an 18 lb. bluefish (taken at Freeport by Sarah E. Shepherd); a 45¼ lb. cod; a 41¼ lb. black drum; a 2 lb. 10 oz. fluke; an 83¼ lb. white marlin; a 4¾ lb. roosterfish; a 437½ lb. bluefin tuna (from Block Island; and a 12½ lb. weakfish (which set an 8 lb. class women's world record for Toni Christ) taken from Peconic Bay.

If you're looking for a record, you shouldn't have a great deal of trouble finding one this year. Not only does the IGFA now cover both fresh and salt water species, but new line classes have been added this year. These hundreds of empty categories can be filled by any catch on that line size exceeding one pound! The new categories for saltwater species are 2, 4, and 16 pound tests. In addition, many freshwater line class records are still wide open as such record keeping is relatively new.

There are also loads of open spots in the Fly Rod records, primarily due to the smaller number of anglers involved. That little fluke that won the IGFA contest last year was actually an entry for the fly rod record on 8 lb. tippet. The 2, 4, 12, and 16 pound tippet classes for fluke remain wide open. If you're a bit more adventurous with the fly rod, you'll be happy to know that all tippet classes are open for great white, tiger, thresher, porbeagle, and hammerhead sharks. However, Steve Sloan has blue sharks of over 100 lbs. on the fly, and John Kaye has a 12 lb. tippet record for a 43 lb. mako taken off Manasquan in 1979! Two and four pound tippet classes were just added in the saltwater fly rod division and they're wide open for all species at present.

The all-tackle records are the hardest to beat, since they represent the biggest fish taken on legitimate rod and reel tackle since record keeping was established for the species. Best known of last year's record breakers was Bob Rocchetta with his 76 lb. striped bass from Montauk. Other new all-tackle records of particular interest from 1981 included a 9¼ lb. shad from the Connecticut River at Wilson caught by Edward Cypus (tying the existing record taken from the Delaware River in 1979); an amberjack of 155 lbs. 10 oz. from Bermuda; an Atlantic halibut of 250 lbs. from Gloucester; and a thresher shark of 802 lbs. taken at Tutukaka, New Zealand by a woman angler.

The book on striped bass was almost re-written last year. Dennis Kelly set a new line class record for 80 lb. line with a 66 pounder taken at the Sluiceway on July 17—the same night Rocchetta took his monster. Kelly has already improved his record this year. Anton Stetzko set a new men's 20 lb. mark with a 73 pounder from Nauset Beach, Massachusetts—the biggest ever from the surf. Then Richard Landon took the 8 lb. category with a 56 lb. 14 oz. striper from Gay Head, Massachusetts on October 15. Since Rocchetta's fish is the 50 lb. class record holder, that means four of the six existing line class records for men were broken last year.

As previously noted, "World Record Game Fishes" isn't all records. There's a glossary of scientific and descriptive words and terms; a multi-lingual guide to common names of saltwater fishes; species identification of both fresh and salt water game fish; a section on fishing knots; and another appendix listing the various game fish tagging programs throughout the world. Finally, there's a listing of national game fish records from various countries and a U.S. Sport Fishing Information Directory.

Without a doubt, the $6.95 postpaid cost of this book is the best bargain on the market right now. Even if you aren't interested in records, it contains a world of information that every angler should be aware of. In order to get your copy, send your check to International Game Fish Association, 3000 East Las Olas Blvd., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316. "World Record Game Fishes" is also on sale at selected tackle stores, marinas, and book stores.

Rather than just getting the book, why not join this great organization? Individual membership in IGFA costs only $20 annually and includes all sorts of goodies, such as the book and bimonthly newsletter International Angler. If you ever get to Fort Lauderdale, don't fail to stop in at IGFA headquarters and check out the library which now includes over 4,500 books on fish and fishing. The IGFA seeks additional titles for this most comprehensive fishing library, as well as fishing stamps and art. All donations are tax-deductible.

President Elwood Harry, Chairman Bill Carpenter, and all the other unpaid officers and trustees have long been performing a great public service by keeping the IGFA going. Not only aren't these men paid, but most are also substantial contributors. With the great expansion in record keeping it's important that the membership base be expanded to include as many individuals and clubs the world over. Sign up now not only for what you will get, but for what you can give to your favorite sport!

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GIVE YOURSELF AN EDGE

by Eric Burnley

Knives are as important a part of your fishing tackle as rods, reels or lures. Try to imagine cutting bait with your teeth or filleting a bluefish with your fingernails and the significance of a good knife becomes apparent.

You should have at least two knives: one to cut bait and one to fillet fish. To the best of my knowledge, no one has invented a single blade that will do both jobs well.

The best knife I have found for cutting bait is a boning knife. You may have trouble finding one in a fishing tackle shop but the local supermarket or hardware store is sure to have some. If there is a cutlery shop nearby they will have a selection of boning knives to suit the most discriminating taste and they probably have some good buys also.

The boning knife has a fairly short blade, 6'' to 8'', that is stiff enough to cut through fish bone or crab shell without bending. They are also made of good steel and will take a very fine edge that cuts strips baits with ease. Due to their size they are easily stowed in a tackle box or you can make a sheath and carry it on your belt. I have never seen a boning knife sold with a case, as their intended use is in a butcher shop or kitchen, not on a boat or beach.

When you are ready to clean your fish you will need a fillet knife. Those have very sharp thin blades for cutting the flesh away from the bone. Fillet knives are meant to be used for this and no other purpose. I have seen them used to do everything from opening clams to cutting rope and the results are often disastrous.

When I clean big fish I will usually employ both the boning knife and the fillet knife. I use the boning knife to cut through the fish's skin and then cut the meat away with the fillet knife. I have also found the fillet knife is too sharp to skin a fish and I often use the boning knife for this job. I put it between the skin and the meat pulling the skin away as the meat rides up over the blade.

On those really good days when I have a pile of big blues and trout to dress out I will use a dry wall knife to cut around the skin because it is quicker than making two cuts with the boning knife. Just set the blade on the dry wall knife at about 1/2'' and trace around the fish. It is quick and easy and saves the sharper blades for more delicate work.

Once you have a couple of good knives, it is very important to keep them sharp. A dull knife cannot do the job it was designed for.

I have used a number of sharpening devices over the years, but recently I discovered a new invention that may be the best idea yet. It is called the LoRay Knife Sharpener and works on the principal that a uniform edge angle is the most important thing when sharpening a knife.

The LoRay Sharpening kit consists of three stones of various hardness and a holder for your knife. Once the knife is secured in the holder the stone is moved across the blade by drawing it back and forth through one of three holes in the holder. Each hole corresponds to a particular angle and you can select from 25°, 20° or 17°, depending on the use of your blade.

Ray Longbrake, who holds the patent on the LoRay Sharpener, explained to me the various uses for each angle. He said that 20° is best for most knives; 25° for knives that will be subjected to rough use and 17° for a very thin edge such as an X-acto or scalpel. Bait and fillet knives should be set up with the 20° angle.

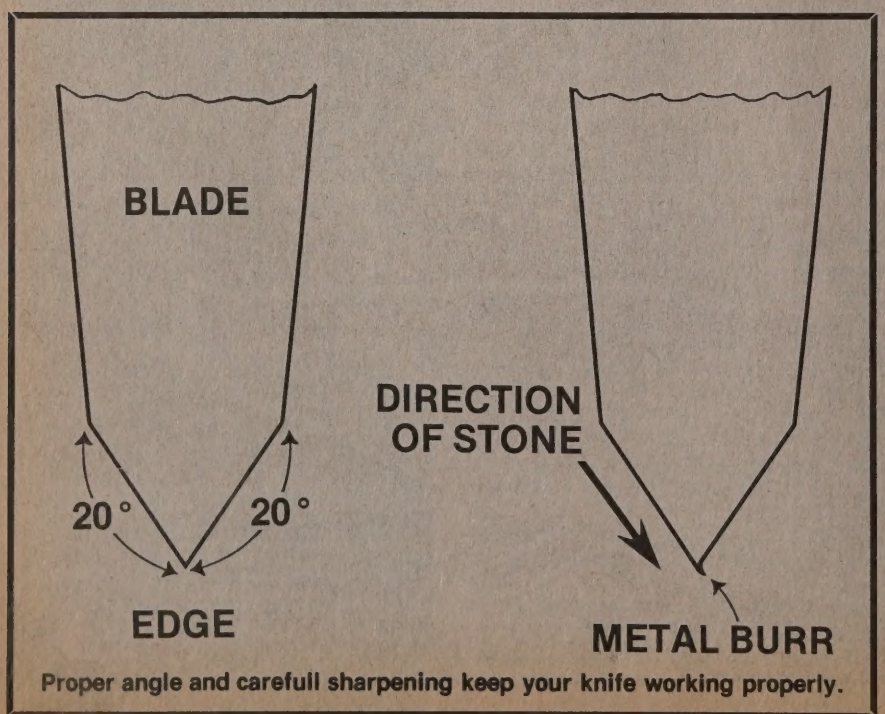
You start with the D100 stone which is the coarsest of the three. Use this on one side of the knife until a burr of metal appears along the edge. Turn the blade over and work the other side until a similar burr occurs the entire length of the blade. Finish the sharpening by making one pass at a time per side with the D100 or C320 stone until the edge is finished. You must now change sides after each pass to prevent the build-up of a burr. During the entire operation the angle of the stone to the blade never changed. It remained at 20°, a feat almost impossible if you tried to hold the knife against a regular stone.

The blade can be touched up by a ceramic stick or wet stone and you should do this frequently when filleting. I have an old wet stone on a wooden handle that I keep on the table while I clean fish.

The B600 stone in the LoRay Kit will put a very fine edge on your knife which will cut like a razor but also tends to dull rather quickly. Mr. Longbrake recommends the D100 for bait knives and the C320 for fillet knives.

Some points of general interest which he also mentioned concerned the availability of natural stones and the importance of selecting quality sharpening products. It seems the mines in Arkansas which produce the best stones are running low. Mr. Longbrake cautions that not all stones on the market are labeled properly and that what you purchase as Arkansas Hard may be something less. Quite a few stones won't sharpen a knife, they only polish it. The Arkansas stones are the best, but it pays to deal with reliable people to be sure that is what you're getting. All of the stones in the LoRay Kit are synthetic.

If you would like more information on the LoRay kit, write 16740 Indian Hollow Road, Grafton, Ohio 44044. The unit retails for $29.99 and I have found it to be well worth the price.



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OCTOBER REPORTS

BY FRED GUARDINEER

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AUTUMN BLACKFISH SECRETS

by Matt Ahern

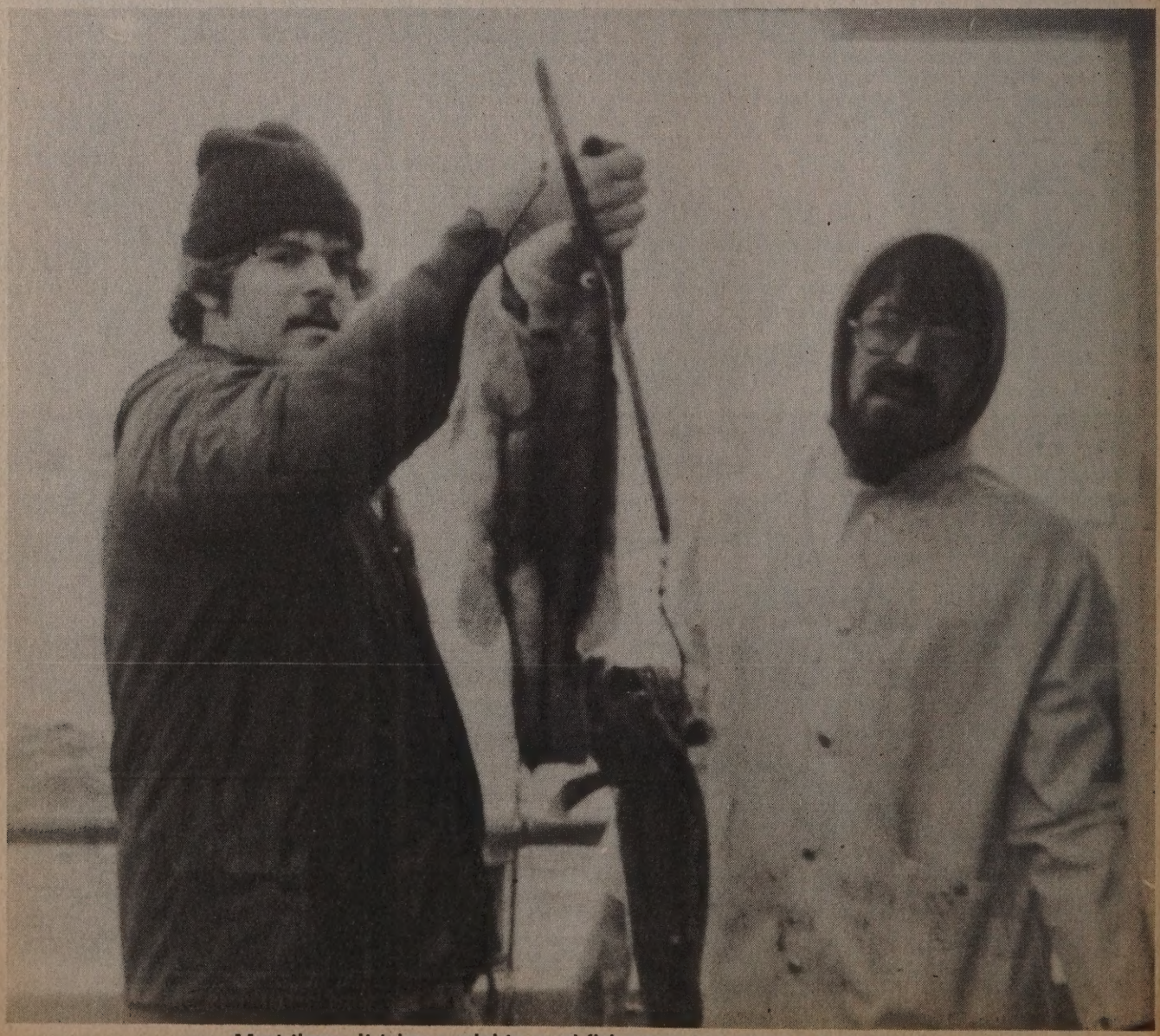
According to the author, a little perseverance and some basic knowledge go a long way in the blackfish game.

As I've said many, many times—I was a lucky kid.

When I look back now, I believe my old neighborhood was blessed. Upon reflection it seems many of the best bottom fishermen Brooklyn had to offer lived there. For a fish-happy kid, it was an ideal place to grow up and mature.

We dunked bait for all the popular bottom-feeding fish—except flounder. Our bill of fare consisted of fluke, porgies, sea bass, ling, whiting, cod, and blackfish. But the lowly flounder had no following, in fact they held no interest for us fellows. This is easy to explain, for all of us those days were strictly party boat fishermen. Only the ocean and its inhabitants held our interest. We might occasionally go out bay fishing for bulldog blackfish on Captain Caspar's Canarsie party boat, Old Pal, but I can't recall one trip for flounder. It wasn't until some years later when Jimmy Anderson and I would rent a rowboat and knock the flatties dead around the Pumpkin Patch and Yankee Channel. But that was the extent of our bay fishing . . . at that time.

As for those fluke, porgies, sea bass, ling and whiting, these were duck soup. They were so plentiful it was no trick at all to fill a butter tub to brimming. But cod and blackfish were always a challenge—especially the cod. For no matter how plentiful, old whiskers did put on his extremely annoying finicky act from time to time. But while the cod might prove difficult, it was the wily blackfish that was in a class by itself. They taught us



Most times, it takes a mighty good fisherman to capture a pool winner.

how to fish. Each and every one of us, without exception.

As I've also said many, many times, I owe a debt to my old neighborhood old-timers I can never repay. When once they saw I was serious about my fishing, my tender age meant nothing to them. To them I was The Kid, and while I often screwed up their fishing to a fare-thee-well, they cheerfully overlooked my spurts of youthful exuberance and made the most of it. Grumbling there was aplenty, of course, but they just couldn't break my heart and refuse to take that "damned kid" fishing. "We'll make a fisherman out of you yet, Mattie boy . . . even if it kills us—and it looks right now like it might." It took some doing on their part, but eventually they succeeded.

And to arrive at this goal, advice and instruction came my way much more rapidly than I could absorb it. An embarrassment of riches of which I knew not how to put to use for a good long time. But I remembered it all—and I still remember it.

I particularly remember a discussion on blackfish, which until that time I had never had the opportunity to catch. But this didn't dampen my enthusiasm and upon inquiry I was given the best piece of fishing advice I've ever received. One of those old-timers turned to me and said, "Kid, if you ever want to become a good fisherman, first learn to catch blackfish."

So for you fellows who have never gone blackfishing, I'll repeat that bit of golden advice: If you ever want to become a good fisherman, first learn to catch blackfish.

When blackfishing methods are learned, all other fish become easy marks for the baited hook, for no other bottom dweller in our waters requires so much know-how. Personally, I consider any fisherman who can consistently catch blackfish as the elite of the bottom fishing clan and I doff my fishing cap to him (or her). No ifs, and, or buts about it.

For those sinker bouncers who have never gone blackfishing, I'll guarantee one of two things will happen: They will either become better fishermen for the experience or they will harbor dark thoughts about all fish and fishing in general, thoughts which they feel can only be satisfied by deep-sixing their tackle.

But to those who do harbor such foolishness, please—not to worry. Blackfishing isn't all that difficult; it just takes a little perseverance, plus some basic knowledge.

First, because it is so important, let's take a quick rundown on this buck-toothed critter which proves to be the nemisis of so many fisherman.

The black's solid, compact body is ideally suited for living around underwater obstructions such as wrecks, ledges, rock piles, jetties and old wharves and piers. In short, any and all places of a like nature supporting a plentiful supply of mussels and barnacles will produce blackfish.

Tackle is never elaborate, though it's best to use a rod with backbone. The downward surge of even a two-pound blackfish is surprisingly powerful. It isn't necessary to use codfishing tackle, but stay away from the lighter spinning equipment. This gear simply won't do the job properly.

While it is true that many large blackfish are caught in shallow water, you'll find most fishing is done in depths from 20 to 60 feet. It takes a rod with oomph to drive home a hook under these conditions; especially when the rod must often overcome the weight of heavy bank sinkers which are sometimes needed to combat strong currents.

It is also best to use a matching revolving-spool reel equipped with a star drag. Should you tie into one of those large blacks fishermen are always talking about, you'll be glad for the aid a drag affords. Fill the reel with at least 150 yards of 20-pound test good quality monofilament. Some fishermen prefer 25 or 30-pound test, but I've never had trouble with the lighter line. It also enables you to use lighter sinkers.

And let me say this: If you're not being snagged on bottom obstructions from time to time, you're not fishing in choice blackfish areas. Therefore, your monofilament line should be of good quality. Chafing on bottom obstructions sometimes presents problems, and cheap line will quickly cause loss of terminal tackle.

To prevent this, all old-timers double check the terminal end of lines for nicks, cuts, and abrasions. If any roughness is felt, the line is immediately cut back several feet. To catch blackfish be prepared to lose some terminal tackle, but prechecking will help keep losses at a minimum.

The art of blackfishing is conceded to be a specialized form of angling, therefore a unique hook has been designed. Known as the Virginia hook, it has an offset point and barb. It's also extra-strong, having a short-biting hollow point which easily penetrates the black's tough, rubbery jaws. It's available in any well-stocked tackle shop. Use a number five for inshore and the slightly larger number four offshore.

Sproat hooks and Beak or Claw styles in sizes two to 1/0 are good substitutes. Thin-wire hooks such as Chestertown are not the best selection, nor are those having a long bite—Kirby, Carlisle, O'Shaughnessy and Limerick fall into this category. Delicate hooks such as the thin-wire Aberdeen should never be used. A good-sized black will straighten it in an instant.

A bank sinker is best to use when fishing cluttered bottom. Its teardrop shape enables it to slide past many obstructions where flat, wide sinkers would quickly become snagged. Never use the surfcaster's pyramid sinker—this way lies madness when blackfishing. The mortality rate on hooks and sinkers is high when fishing the best blackfish spots, therefore expect to lose your fair share. Always carry replacements. When party boat fishing, you can purchase what's needed on board, but if you're alone . . .

I can't tell you the exact sinker weight to use as each day brings its own requirements, but if you use two to four ounces inshore and five to eight offshore, you should get by all right.

Should you use one or two hooks? The answer depends on how "sticky" your fishing area is. If really wicked, use just one hook. If not too bad, tandem-tie two hooks and attach them two inches above the sinker.

To tandem-tie, simply fold the snell of one hook at its middle and push this through the knotted loop of the second. This second hook is then passed through the first fold, drawn up tightly and secured with a common overhand knot. Takes but seconds and when attached just above the sinker assures that both hooks are on bottom. Practice a few times to get the hang of it.

Don't use three-way swivels or other assorted hardware. They only assure snagging. Remember the bottom fisherman's proven adage: the less hardware, the better. Always! Nor are leaders ever required. Keep it simple and catch blackfish!

Bait isn't a problem, for blackfish will accept anything that has, or has had, a shell around it. The list is long but fall blackfish do show a decided preference for crab. Green crab and china-back fiddlers can always be depended upon to produce; so too will blue claws and sand crabs.

Forget the abundant black mud fiddler. These are generally worthless as blackfish bait. Conch will produce when cut into narrow, thin slices. (This bait is often used when bergalls become overly bothersome.) Clam is best used in spring and should only be used for fall blackfish as a last resort; this is not a hard, fast rule and I certainly would not give up fall blackfishing if that's the only bait I had. Blood and sandworm are eagerly accepted and bergalls especially will love you for it, therefore be guided accordingly.

To bait with the larger crabs, remove the top shell and break off legs close to the body. Cut into two or more pieces, depending on size. Insert the hook in one of the joints, push through, and allow the point to protrude—blackfish never notice. If using fiddlers, simply run hook through and again allow the point to show. Whether you remove the large claw from the male fiddler is strictly a personal matter.

So far, everything written is easy to accomplish. Now comes what all this has been leading to: How to get that first blackfish into your bucket.

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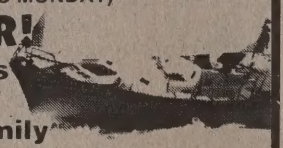

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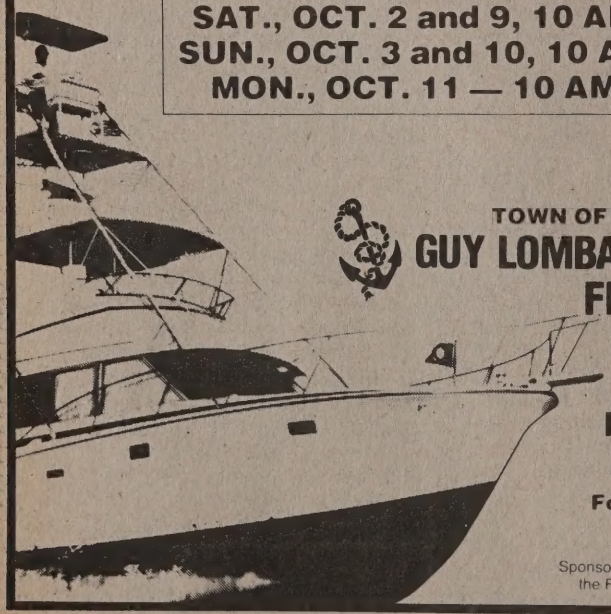

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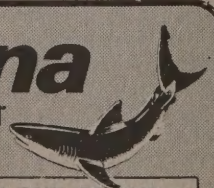

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other fish. If you've developed a foolproof method of hooking flounder, forget it for now. If you've found a better way to hook porgies at the first nip, don't apply it when blackfishing. It won't work.

To understand why, you should know something about the feeding habits of blackfish. While not in the least line shy, the blackfish is highly suspicious and this makes it a wary fish indeed. Couple this with cageyness and you've got a fish with a built-in challenge and one that is sure to hone your fishing skill to a fine edge.

When a blackfish spots your bait (and if you haven't aroused its suspicions by stabbing away at annoying bergalls), it will approach cautiously, rising above it, head pointed downward, hovering for a closer look. If satisfied all is well, it will begin a series of rapid-fire nips, similar to the bite of a bergall but much more pronounced. Hold your rod perfectly still. One false move now and the black will immediately head for greener pastures.

Unlike most other fish, the black has two sets of teeth. The noticeable front ones are used for nipping as described, but the second set, located near the throat and called crushers, are used to pulverize its hard-shelled victims. Should you strike at the first sign of a bite, there's a better than excellent chance of missing the fish. At best, you'll have a lightly-hooked fish. If the fish is small, no big deal; but if that fish is one of those white-chinned bulldog blacks, you've got problems.

If this light-hooking happens frequently, put a brake on your reflexes. When the black has the hook, it will let you know in no uncertain terms. What you will then receive is a strong, solid yank (often described as a blow). This is your signal to rear back with everything you've got.

This heavy-handed action is necessary because you've got to get that fish started away from the obstruction before it is aware of what's happening. You can make bet that fish is going to pour on the steam with one powerful downward surge. Once it gets into the obstruction—that's all she wrote. Hold your rod high and begin reeling. Bring the rod to a more comfortable position only after you've gotten the fish clear—say 15 or 20 turns of the reel handle. Now you can see why light tackle isn't recommended when blackfishing.

Now, these are the basics and the secrets of blackfishing as I learned them so long ago. My teachers were the best, which is easily proven when one considers their methods still produce fish today. All of them are at least a half-century old, and they'll still be producing blackfish a half-century from now.

Let me leave you with this: If you like a fish with a challenge, or if you wish to improve your all-around fishing skill, go blackfishing this fall. You'll never regret it.

East End Report

by Stu Miller

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From Capt. Michael Potts of the **Blue Fin I** and **IV** comes word that just three bass were taken on his boat this week, but that loads and loads of bluefish have been taken on every trip either around the Lighthouse, at Southwest Ledge or at Cartwright. The Cartwright blues are running from large to super large. Mike's boats have their first open date November 9 and various dates open after then and are also now booking 1983 Spring cod and pollack charters. John Potts on the **Blue Fin I** connected with three tuna Monday and boated a 125 bluefin tuna, probably one of the last of the season.

Capt. Buddy Dorman of the six man limit open boat **Waxed** is now on his fall run of diamond jigging for striped bass, weaks and blues. Bud said he would like to thank all his porgy customers for a successful season.

The **Viking Fleet** tells of codfishing being slow at Coxes Ledge Saturday due to the weather, but things bouncing back Sunday for a good showing of cod and pollack at the Ledge. On the way back, fares loaded up on bluefish and some bonito. This is going to be a regular feature of the fall cod trips. Porgy fishing has been fantastic locally with fish large and jumbos to the tune of 80-90 a man. he night bluefishing trips continue to be dynamite at Cartwright on bait. These are the big Montauk gorillas.

Hector Illa of Brooklyn decked a 5 lb. 11 oz. porgy aboard the **Marlin IV**. Skipper Richie Rade said that there are lots of porgies to be caught in the medium to large class with most fares bagging up wtih 70-80 fish a man, all locally. Bluefishing has been tremendous at Cartwright for the jumbo choppers. Rich asked us to let you know that Saturday and Sunday Oct. 9 and 10, all AM day bluefish tickets have been sold for the **Marlin V**. The porgy fishing has been super strong aboard **Little Bear** and **Flying Cloud**, two of the Montauk boats that specialize in catching these silver battlers. Both skippers have been working local grounds and all customers are bagging up.

The word from Maureen at **Gone Fishing Marina** is that the bluefishing continues excellent at Cartwright mostly on bait and that the porgy fishing is also super. Customer Bill King on a rental boat had 300 lbs. of porgies Sunday fishing Great Eastern and around the Light on clam. Aboard Condor, 150 lbs. of porgies were pulled at North Rip. Sunday saw Joe Denicola and crew aboard Pretty Lady hoist a 165 lb. mako in 210' of water using bunker chum and mackerel as hook bait. They also had 3 blue shark to 250 lbs., which were tagged and released. On the boat Partnership, 500 lbs. of blues were caught at Cartwright on bait. Fishing aboard Capt. Bill Ricca's charter boat **Alyssa Ann**, Friday saw Gary Hoffman and pals from John Hancock Insurance Co. take 91 blues totalling 1100 lbs. on bait at Cartwright. Sunday's trip for Barry Klein and the Descovich family bailed 47 blues at Cartwright and followed that up on the south side with 120 lbs. of porgies.

Don Scailling, his son Michael, and Joe, with fluke, blues and porgies caught at Montauk on the charter boat "Vivienne."

John Hall of Trenton, NJ fished both Saturday and Sunday aboard the charter boat **Julie III** totalling 1240 porgies to 3½ lbs., 22 flounder to 3 lbs. and 11 small blues on clam on the south side.

Captain Joe McBride of the charter boat **My Mate** called to say that this charter Saturday did a neat job trolling small blues at the Point and on the south side. Joe advised there are larger schools of smaller blues all around the Point and that Cartwright is holding mucho blues in the 10-20 lb. class. The boat has some choice dates still open for this hot fall fishing.

Capt. Phil Lewis is the charter boat **Adios** advises that he has started bass fishing but it is still very slow. These conditions can change overnight, however. Bluefishing for Paul Hoffman and Richie Bryant saw over 70 Cartwright blues taken on a half day trip, fish averaging 15-20 lbs.

Charlie at **Star Island Yacht Club** was also enthusiastic about the bluefish picture. Charlie said that though it blew like blazes Saturday, all his boats went out bluefishing Sunday and all brought back LOADS of bluefish. The blues are really in SOLID.

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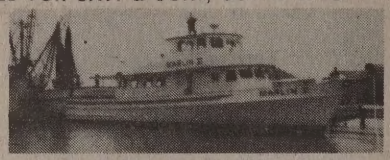

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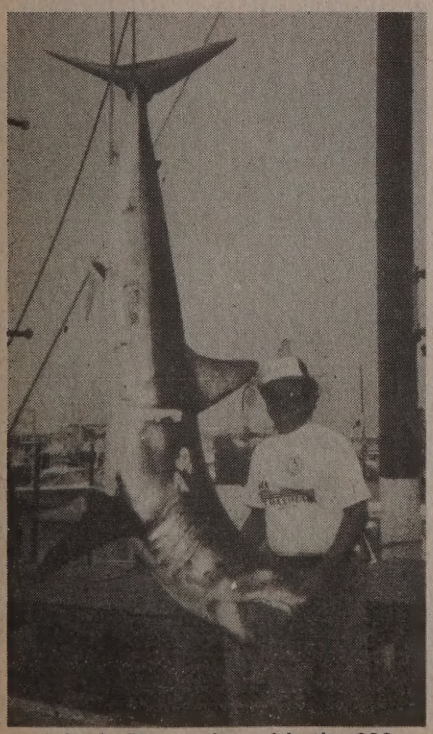
Speck's Bait and Tackle in **Southampton** advises that there's been very good blackfishing at the jetty and Ponquogue Bridge from beach or bridge from 1½ to 4 lbs. on greens and fiddlers. Flounder still being caught in the Basket, mixed to 1½ lbs. but to catch you MUST chum heavily. Hook bait can be mussel, clam or sand worm. The weekend saw blues caught from the inlet to the C buoy for trollers and pluggers with a mixture of bonito and albies thrown in to boot. Blackfish are the best item off the Brickyard in Southold Bay and off Jennings Pt. on the northwest side of Shelter Island. Flounder in the channels, Noyac Bay and Sag Harbor. Good porgy catches at Gardiner's and



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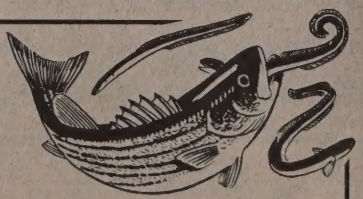

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The open boat **Capt. Clark** sailing out of **Shinnecock Canal** cancelled Saturday's offshore wreck trip due to high winds and rough seas. Instead the Skipper hit Peconic Bay wrecks with excellent results on blacks and porgies. Joe Ganci, Islip, had a pail of blacks and porgies and took the pool with a 5½ lb. black. With better conditions on Sunday, fishermen had fast action with more big blackfish taken. Andy Peda, Hampton Bays, took the pool with a 7½ lb. black. Andy also ended up with a cooler full of porgies and blackfish. An offshore wreck trip was scheduled for this Saturday, Oct. 9. If it produces well there will be a repeat Columbus Day, Oct. 11.

South Shore Report

by Fred Golofaro

Flounder fishing continues to dominate the bay scene although fishing has not been great by any stretch of the imagination. As water temperatures continue to drop this action should continue to improve noticeably. Big bluefish continue to capture headlines in the Fire Island area. The Captree Fleet along with many private boatmen have been homing in on ocean wrecks which have been laden with blues averaging in the teens. Some porgies and sea bass continue to mix with flounder to the

Gary and Carl Zarfijan and a 174 lb. bluefin tuna they boated at Montauk's Butterfish Hole. Fishing was done out of Shinnecock Inlet and fish was weighed at Molnar's Landing in Hampton Bays.

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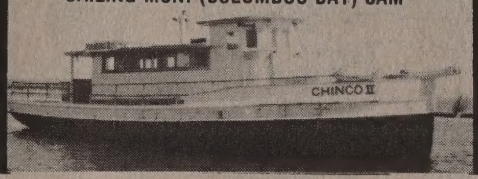

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A decent pick of flounder along with some blackfish near the Ponquogue Bridge have been responsible for most of the action at **Corr's Mariner's Cove** in **Hampton Bays** according to Frank Pelosa. Jerry Sepatas and Al and Guy Cheli worked the bridge on Saturday to the tune of 18 blacks. Also on Saturday, Frank Tana and sons returned from Heady Creek with 25 nice flounder. On Sunday, Sandra Stanley and Jackie Martini had 2 dozen flounder at buoy 31. Same day, the private boats Moby Dick and Galloping Ghost trolled some bluefish on umbrellas at the Sea Buoy.

Jim at **Skidmore's Fishing Station** in **East Moriches** called the flounder fishing during the week pretty good but said that things slipped on Saturday due to the wind. Few boats managed 15-20 fish a piece. Fishing bounced back on Sunday with some boats returning with scores of 65-75 fish. Best bet for the flatties is buoy 44, Haven's Point and north of buoy 42 with some bigger flatties being taken at the latter spot. Bloodworms and mussel chum are the ticket with chumming being very important. Two good scores made during the week included 99 flounder for Al and Dave Averell and another catch of 66 flounder and 44 blue claws for Matt and John Viol.

Bob Conroy and Gloria Scott with a nice catch of flounder up to 2 lbs. made out of Stiriz' Fishing Station in Mastic Beach.

Gary over at **Silly Lilly Fishing Station** in **East Moriches** also reported a slow day with flounder on Saturday due to the wind. Most boats on Sunday, however, returned with anywhere from 20 to 50 flatties including some fish to 2 pounds. Gary passed along a word of advice in saying that the bigger fish at Haven's Point and north of 42 appear to be concentrated in shallower depths of 4-6'. Use bloodworms and heavy mussel or clam chum. Gary also reminded that Tuthill Cove is currently loaded with blue claw crabs for those still looking to put some crab meat in the freezer.

Capt. Chip of the **Moriches Bay** open boat **Capt. Leo D** called the flounder fishing picky most of the week. As a result, he spent most of his time at buoy 44 where porgies, sea bass and blowfish were mixed with some big flounder. As evidence of the quality of some of these flatties, Chip told of one drop on Friday which resulted in a dozen fish around the 2 pound mark.

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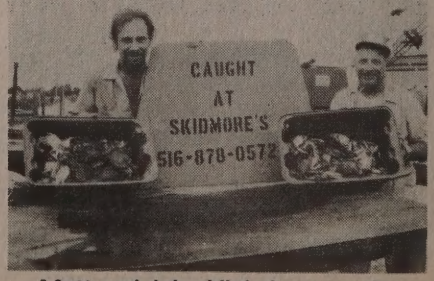

Matt and John Viol show nearly 100 blue claw crabs that they took on bunker bait in Moriches Bay after renting a skiff from Skidmore's Fishing Station.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

Paul Graniello at **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue** suggested Hart's Cove and Seatuck Cove in Moriches Bay for those looking for some flattie action. He also knew that some decent flounder scores were made at buoy 17 just east of the Smith Point Bridge. Blackfishing has been pretty good at the Kismet Reef in Great South Bay and Paul thought that the Moriches Inlet jetty should be ripe to produce some blackfish.

Dave Canale at **J & R Sports Center** in **Oakdale** labelled the blackfishing spotty primarily because you need to be on a good piece of bottom to do well. Those not in the right spot managed very few fish. Best bet is still the Kismet Reef although the bridges and Sore Thumb also hold fish. Clams and worms still producing a mixture of sea bass and small porgies at buoy 5 and some flounder being taken at the Sore Thumb and in the State Channel. Dave weighed a couple of bass taken on eels this past week and assumes the fish came from Fire Island Inlet. For freshwater fans, Dave knew of several nice browns and bows to 3½ pounds taken in the Connetquot this past week.

Good flounder fishing in the Sore Thumb Pocket over the weekend on bloodworms and clam chum according to Irene at **Peppy's Bait and Tackle** in **East Islip**. Outside the inlet, particularly on the wrecks there has been some excellent action with big blues on jigs and bait. Irene also knew of fish trolled on the weekend south of Patchogue. Those looking for live eels should be advised that the shop has a good supply of eels in stock.

Pretty good blackfishing at Kismet and the Sore Thumb according to Carl Miller at **Smokey's Bait and Tackle** in **Bay Shore**. Fish are being taken on fiddlers, green crabs and hard to find hermit crabs which Carl has in stock. Best bet for flounder is the Babylon Cut or in the pocket at Oak Beach. During the week, Bob Rankin and Roy Carbone aboard the Helisa II chummed 58 blues between 7 and 14 pounds along with some bonito and albacore in 100' of water south of the Moses tower. The pair also did a good job on the fish on Sunday.

Over at **Captree** where big blues have been sending home fares with weary arms and broken tackle, Capt. Charlie Kennedy of the **Capt. Joseph Fleet** told of real good action all week on both day and night trips. The only exception was Sunday when fishing tapered off somewhat. Most of the blues are in the teens with all ranging between 10 and 19 pounds. Bait works day and night while jigs also work under the sun. The **Captain Joseph II** will continue sailing daily for night blues as well as making its daily ocean bottom trips which after a fast start were hindered by this weekend's strong moon tides. Fishing for the sea bass, porgies and blacks should

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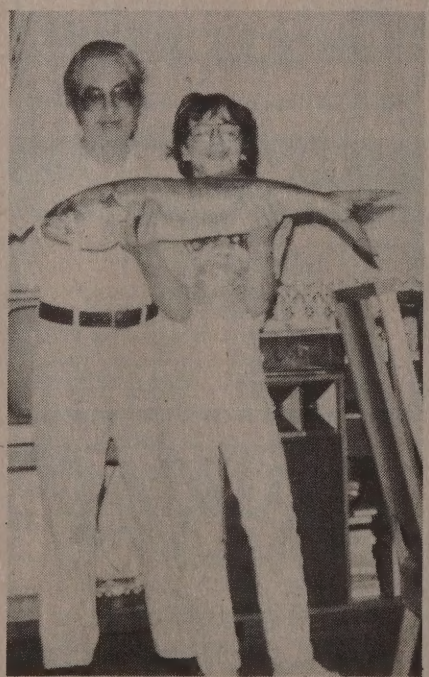
return to normal as currents diminish. Charlie also relayed word that the **Capt. Joseph** is heading south to Miami for the winter. Capt. Stan Joseph will be making two day trips to Bimini on a regular basis. This is a relatively new fishery which resulted in some unbelievable action last winter with snappers and groupers. So if you're going to be in Florida this winter, consider making one of these special trips.

"Super" is how Capt. Speedy Hubert described the current bluefishing going on atop ocean wrecks. Most fish range from 13 to 19 pounds and despite the size of the fish Friday's hi-hook had 40 of the monsters. Nights have been equallyu good with bait being used after dark and jigs and bait working in the daytime. A Escobar and his 3 sons totalled 84 slammers including a 19½pound pool winner on Saturday's Trip. Speedy was confident that this will continue as one of the best fall bluefish runs in a long time since plenty of fish remain to our north as far as Cape Cod and Nanatucket.

On the **Captree Queen**, Capt. Gordon Roman called the flounder fishing steady for most of the week with fares averaging 4-10 fish a man. Hi-hook ranges between 12 and 18 flatties. The only poor day was Sunday when just a few fish a man was the norm. Fishing is being done between the State Channel and the Sore Thumb Pocket with most flatties averaging ¾ of a pound and running to 1½ pounds. A few blowfish along with some blue claw crabs are being taken with the flounder. Both AM and afternoon trips have been producing



Angelo Colaccio and his son topped off a fine catch of fluke with this pool winning 10 lb. bluefish. All were taken in Great South Bay aboard the Captree open boat "Capt. Leitch IV."

comparable results and Gordon reminded that the afternoon trips thru Columbus Day. Watch ad for changes. Gordon is also on the night bluefish run and has been doing a job on the fish most nights with teen size fish predominating. Fishing is being done on several wrecks SSE of the Inlet. Only slow night was Friday but Gordon attributed that to the particular wreck which was fished that night.

Capt. Larry Ciccotto of the charter boat **Prime Time** ran a Sunday wreck trip which resulted in a mixture of sea bass, porgies, small cod and 10 bluefish. Dave Schnee took the pool with a 14 pound chopper. On Saturday, a party headed by Jennifer Jackson took some blacks on the reef (barge) at Oak Beach. Afterwards the skipper used lots of stops to scrape up a decent catch of flounder i n the State Channel.

Capt. Tom Burke's charter boat **Lady Ann** has been specializing in Ocean bottom fishing trips. Friday's charter for the Devoshire resulted in a 5½ pound sea bass. Tuesday, an 8½ pound blackfish topped off a real good catch of sea bass and blackfish for a party of L.I.R.R. employees headed by Rich Asner. A fair score was made on Saturday when the skipper mixed blackfishing on the F.I. Ocean reef with flounder in the bay. Of the bluefishing not much can be said other than the fish are big and plentiful on all of the ocean wrecks which has resulted in the best fishing of the year. Also, Capt. Tom asked

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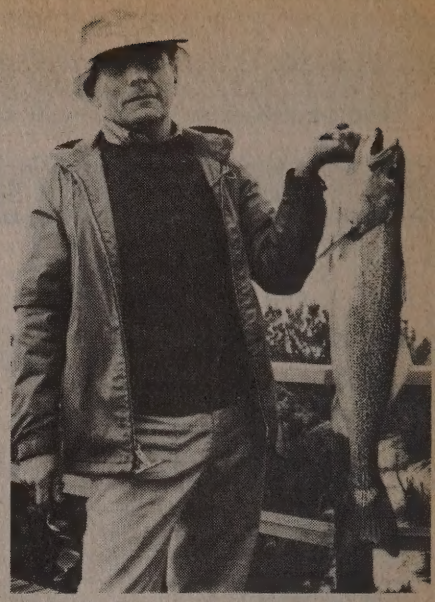

Herb Salkin displays a 10 lb. weak taken on a jelly worm in Great South Bay. Subscriber photo.

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that we inform readers that the offshore cod trip scheduled for October 3rd has been rescheduled for October 17th.

Ski Kochanski at **Augie's Bait and Tackle** in **Babylon** weighed up a 29½ pound striper taken on an eel by Don Urbanski sometime Friday night. Those big blues, up to 16 pounds are still roaming the area between Kismet and the W.R. buoy. Live bait is the ticket for these fish as well as a few big weakfish. Some flounder being taken in the State Channel and at Oak Beach on worms and clam chum and blackfish on the Kismet reef with the best fishing being around the changes of tide.

A trio of **B.C.A.** boats worked Great South Bay over the weekend with good results. Aboard the **Tilichi** on Saturday's open trip there was good action with blackfish and sea bass over on the Kismet Reef. A 7 pound black copped the pool. New sailing time on Saturday will be 7AM rather than 7:30. A Sunday charter aboard the **Luci II** resulted in nearly 100 flounder taken in the State Channel near Gilgo. Aboard the **Pooka V** on Saturday, both the Sore Thumb and State Channel combined to produce a decent catch of flounder.

Over at **Capt. Jack's East** in **Lindenhurst**, Gil reported good flounder fishing at Gilgo and Amity Cut. Use worms or skimmers. Crabbing is still good with both their size and numbers impressive. Big blues, some to 18 pounds, were taken on live bait near the F.I. Lighthouse this past week. From Amity Harbor, Bob Rose of **Capt. Jack's West** said that a few die hards are still picking fluke just outside of F.I. Inlet. A much smarter bet would be flounder fishing at the Amity Cut, Gilgo or the Sore Thumb Pocket. Some small weaks still around. They were taken on sand-

worms at Bergen Point and the Copiague Hole.

SOUTH OYSTER BAY

Capt. Brian of the **Seaford** open boat **Chinco II** called the flounder fishing in his area good through Saturday with hi-hook each day managing between 25 and 30 flatties. Pool fish most trips is around the 2 pound mark while most of the flatties being taken are now in the 1 pound range. Both worms and clams have been working although the worms seem to have the edge.. The skipper noted, too, that Merrick bay has been producing the quality fish while the Wantagh area has the numbers. Customers should note that the boat will be sailing at 8AM on Columbus Day, Monday, October 11th.

From **Pop's Fishing Station** in **Seaford**, John Dombrowski told of flounder along with a mixture of sea bass and porgies at Massapequa Cove, Squaw Island and between the 2nd and 3rd Wantagh Bridges. Use worms and chumming is important if you're looking to score well. Some blackfish are at the bridges and crabs remain in good supply.

Lon Wanser at **Wanser's Bait and Tackle** in **Seaford** labelled the flounder fishing good but reminded that many of the fish are smallish. Some sea bass and porgies continue to mix with the flatties. Most boatmen have been concentrating their efforts at Four Corners, Squaw Island, Haunts Creek and Massapequa Cove. Clamso or worms work in the bait department and chumming is important. Those looking for blackfish will do best to work the bridges with fiddlers where most of the tautog are in the 1-3 pound range. Lon weighed in an 18 pound bluefish for Rich Kuhlenkamp who trolled the fish Sunday on a white tube in F.I. Inlet.

From **Merrick Tackle** in **Bellmore**, Scott reported a catch of 60 blackfish in the 1-3 pound range made on

Mary Persson, age 7, displays her first fluke. It was taken on her dad's boat, the Mockingbird, in Fire Island Inlet. Subscriber photo.

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Saturday at the T Wreck aboard the private boat Off the Record. Flounder fishing was tagged as fair with a decent number of porgies and sea bass mixed in at Swift Creek and the C.G. Station. Bluefish at Cholera for trollers and chummers.

Western South Shore Report

by Stu Miller

WEST END BAYS & INLETS

Beginning with information coming out of **Freeport**, we learn from Ronnie "Bunzie" Bauer that the bluefish chumming at Cholera has been very good during the week for big choppers. Best was in the afternoon on whole herring or bunker. Trolling boats working west of Jones Inlet in 30' to 40' of water had blues and weaks. These fish can be also be jigged once located. Flounder action has been only fair and heavy chumming is a necessity. Blacks, sea bass and porgies have been taken in good numbers at all the bridges and wrecks. A thousand pounds of blues from 8-16 lbs. were chummed at a local wreck aboard the private boat Misty.

Anthony's Fishing Station reports that their rental boats brought back flounder from Swift Creek, Short Beach, Long Creek and High Flats Drain. Porgies and sea bass were also mixed in. The local bridges also produced blackfish on fiddlers.

Charter boat **Lady J III** tells of good bluefishing offshore Friday for the Mike Shaw group, big guys up to 17 lbs. in 110' of water. The weekend saw a fair pick of mixed bottom fish in the bay for Ladder 2, Elmont Fire Dept. on Saturday, followed by Schulte, Roth and Zabel, attorneys from Man. on Sunday. The skipper says the bluefish are more consistent now than ever before during this season.

Capt. Sy Karlin's **Blue Fin Fleet** enjoyed very good quantities and quality of bluefishing all this week. Along the beaches fish ran 1-4 lbs. and offshore they ran 4-15 lbs. High hook of the week was Tom Kelly of the NYC Fire Dept. with 38 blues. Largest fish of the week was caught by Russ Wasp of the EPA, a 15.2 blue. Fish were baited and chummed and also taken on jigs.

Tuesday through Friday the bluefishing was excellent, said Capt. Al Lindroth of the **Capt. Al** on both diamonds and on bait. On Tuesday one fare also had 9 albies and 4

Scott Noris shows a few of the 20 blues he caught in 120' of water south of Jones Inlet. The largest fish checked in at 10½ lbs. Subscriber photo.

bonito. There are loads of big blues at Cholera. Saturday and Sunday were tough at Cholera due to the mugging from private boats which showed no mercy. Al took the boat closer to the beach and fishing from Debs Inlet to Playland had a slaughter on 1-2 lb. blues with a few 4-5 lbers. mixed in. Tuesday through Friday the fish went up to 18 lbs. with a lot of 5-6 lb. fish mixed in. Al suggests you come down during the week for the fabulous jumbo Cholera blues, when there is very little boat traffic to interfere with the chumming and baiting. Night trips have been very productive at Cholera on bait. 450 blues were decked Friday night and roughly 350 on Saturday.

Aboard Capt. Richie Kessenger's **Starstream II** Monday through Friday saw terrific bluefishing at 17 Fathoms fish running over 10-18 lbs. with fares averaging 14-18 fish apiece. This was all bait and chum. The boat was mugged by the fiberlglass fleet on the weekend, so Richie had to load up on smaller fish, chasing and jigging. Please note that the boat's 7PM trips will now be sailing Wed., Thurs. and Fri. nights.

Aboard the **Aloma II** Friday's flounder fishing was good with catches of up to 30 fish a man. Saturday fares picked away at flounder inside, Sunday morning was a repeat, but Sunday afternoon boat traffic got so bad inside that Capt. Schmidt went to a nearby offshore wreck where fares bailed sea bass and porgies the rest of the day without hindrance and all the porgies you wanted. A private cod wreck trip on Tuesday saw 30 cod to 28 lbs. taken plus a few 25 lb. pollack. A couple of albies and skipjack were also outwitted.

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Benny and Izaak Kozuch display some nice flatties taken in Reynolds Channel. The pair of Forest Hills anglers did their fishing out of Ed's Fishing Station in Point Lookout.

Aboard the charter boat **Capt. Gary** the Laconia Fishing Club, bronx, with Mr. Cecil Best and pals, had a good day's fishing of a mixed bag at the Meadowbrook bridge, Swift and Long Creeks. Flounder, sea bass, porgies and blacks, filled out the bags and 8-year-old Erica Simpkins caught her first fish ever. Saturday's trip saw a mixed bag caught in the bay for the Gary Prinz party while Sunday's trip for an A&S group picked various finned creatures in the same area. Angela Ferriso took the pool with a 2 lb. flounder.

Excellent bluefishing reported **Freeport's Boatmens Assn.** dockmaster Bob Kay. Local wrecks produced blues 15-20 lbs. on bait. Cholera produced blues 5-20 lbs., depending on sthe time of day. Aboard the North Star, John McKenna's group diamond jigged 1½-2 lb. blues west of the inlet with 15 men having over 800 fish. Sunday's cod wreck trip aboard the **Super Spray II** had excellent results on a wreck 65 miles out. Pool fish hit 55 lbs. on the scale. There were three other fish in the 50s, a dozen in the 40s and many fish in the 30s and 20s. All aboard caught. The pollack pool went to a 30 lb. class fish. There are still 5 spots open for the Oct. 10 cod wreck trip.

In **Baldwin,** Jan at **Thompson's Deli and Fishing Supplies** reports that this week good catches of fish were brought in from Milburn Creek, namely blacks, porgies, flounder and eels, and all good size. Also several 2-2½ lb. flounder were caught in the channel off Baldwin Jr. High School on worms.

Jack at **Arthur St. Marina** told of blues in the 15 and 16 lb. range brought back from Cholera. Smaller blues are also being trolled off the pink hotel in 30' to 40' of water. Still some fluke at Garretts Lead with one boat returning with 15 keepers during the week. Flounder can be had but MUST be chummed at the Meadowbrook and Coast Guard areas. Good

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blackfishing at all the bridges and wrecks. Some small bass being taken on Kastmasters and Hopkins and plugs along many of the south shore beaches.

In **Point Lookout** the **Capt. Bill** has been having mixed catches of flounder and blackfish. High hook of the week was 30 fish on the Friday morning trip.

Aboard the **Miss Point Lookout** we find out that Friday was tough with the moon and its attendant tides and flowing seaweed. Saturday morning's trip was very good on flounder, sea bass and blackfish. The flounder catches have been a little better this week than last. Saturday's high hook was 18 flounder up to 1¾ lbs. Watch this report next week for the results of Monday's offshore cod wreck trip.

Capt. Dennis of the charter boat **Marie III** called to talk about Saturday's bluefish trip that ranged from north of the Highlands to Seabright and resulted in an excellent catch of 1-3 lb. blues on Ava 27 jigs. Fares had 20-40 fish a man. Sunday's charter fished between Playland and Riis Park and enjoyed a slaughter on 1-4 lbs. blues, catching averaging 10-40 fish a man on Ava 27s. This was white water fishing with birds working and all and all were arm-weary and on the way home by 1:30 PM. The boat still has a few Saturdays in Oct. and Nov. for blacks, flounder, cod.

Marilyn at **Ed's Fishing Station** passed on the word that during the week and weekend lots of blackfish were caught at the Loop bridge, Long Creek Bridge and Meadowbrook bridge on fiddlers and green crab. Also lots of sea bass and small porgies were taken in Reynolds Channel at buoy 15 and off the golf course. Flounder are improving but are yet to come into their true fall bloom. Sea bass catches in Middle Bay have been good on clam, while small blues have been trolled along the beaches as well as jigged. Alan and Ernie Becofksy scored with 30 blacks to 3½ lbs. and also some sea bass at the Loop and Long Creek bridges. The Anthony Bracco family loaded up on 300 crabs in three days of crabbing near Pete's Clam Bar.

The **Island Park** vessel **Commodore** enjoyed a pretty good Saturday with flounder and lots of porgies mixed in. Customers averaged 15-20 flounder a man. Sunday was tougher due to the heavy boat traffic.

Charlie at **Beckman's Tackle** in Lynbrook reports the blackfishing has been excellent at all bridges, jetties and wrecks in the area. Flounder catches are decent if you go heavy on the chum pot with mussel chum the best. Charlie advises that you use the small yellow tails along with bait for best results.

Long Beach Sports Marina tells of blackfish at the Gong buoy, the 28th St. wreck and the AB bridge on fiddlers. Larger blacks to 7 lbs. are being taken on green crab. Flounder and porgies at the railroad trestle, cement block and buoy 7 on worms. Blues at the Tin Can and 17 Fathoms with bass and weakfish periodically showing up, bass being suckers for big sandworms fished on the bottom.

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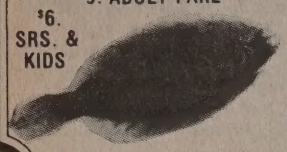

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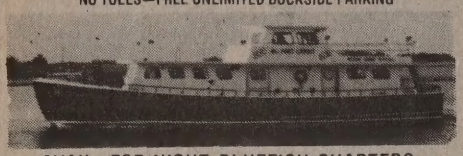

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NEW YORK BIGHT

In **East Rockaway Skippy's Tackle** says theres been not sensational but decent flounder action despite the moon tide in Hog Channel and the Reynolds area. Blackfishing has been fair at the bridges and jetties. Lots of bunkers in Reynolds with blues beneath them. Two thresher sharks weighing in at 170 and 104 lbs. were taken at the 50 fathom line aboard Marty's Twins. Some tuna being played for fun at the Mud Hole while snappers and blue claw crabs remain good. Porgies, lafayettes and sea bass still taking a hook in Reynolds and

In **Jamaica Bay, Cross Bay Bait and Tackle** reports very good porgy fishing from both bridges with some weaks and blues also being caught off the North and South Channel bridges on bunker chunk fished just about any time of day or night. William Engstler of Woodhaven, according to John weighed in a jumbo weakfish that topped out 17 lbs. on the store's scale. Fish was taken from the South Channel bridge on chunk bunker. The angler also had several bluefish. Blackfishing has been good from both bridges on fiddlers and green crab. Flounder catches have been "so-so."

Over in **Sheepshead Bay**, the **Pilot II** tells of super porgy and blackfish catches all throughout the week and weekend. On Sunday fares had 40-50 porgies in the 1-1½ lb. range. Saturday was good but the strong winds kept the day from being ex-

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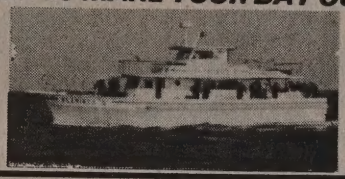

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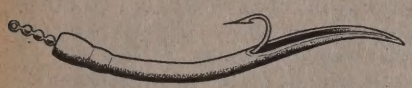

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ceptional. Blackfish are running up to 7 and 8 lbs. and are taking the pools. Captain Tom says everyday has been very good.

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A phone call from Guy De Blasio informs us that Guy, Lui Sing, Kin Lam and Norman Gniewek (all first timers, except Guy) fished the Tin Can with spearing and chum and hoisted 21 bonito to 10 lbs., 4 blues and 2 fluke. The fluke came up in the slick. Still a lot of bass at night from the Rockaway jetty to Ambrose on sand worms, said Guy. Sandy Hook is having super bluefishing, mixed sizes. Twelve to 15 lbers. are being taken on bait and chum. Humpback porgies are a choice target of the Sheepshead Bay sharpies. Weakfish are being trolled on the Jersey side of Ambrose at night and the Nordic eels continue to take their toll.

The **Flamingo III** has been having excellent bluefishing all week long with hot catches everyday. Fish are running 2-4 lbs. on diamond jigs and everyone's catching. The harder you try and the better the fisherman, catches of 40-60 fish poses no problem. 96 blues was the score Thursday for Al the taxicab driver. The fishing continues good and is definitely consistent. A few bones, albies, weaks and bass are mixed in and the skipper hopes to see more stripers as the water cools down.

Across the narrows in **Staten Island**, Lenny at **Santos Sport Shop** says the fishing has not been fabulous but it hasn't been bad either this past week. Some weakfish off Oakwood Beach in the 8-10 lb. range on live bait for the boats. Blues off Princess Bay in the 2-3 lb. range on cut bait or on the troll. Under the stars at Great Kills Harbor, 10-15 blues being taken on chunk or whole bunker. Around the VZ Bridge and Hoffman and Swinburne Islands schoolies are hitting sand worms. Good blackfishing at the Great Kills Bug Light and the Princess Bay Bug Light, West Bank and Old Orchard Lighthouse. The Stapleton Piers are producing a variety of just about everything that swims this time of year.

North Shore Report

by Marty Garrell

Blackfish now dominate bottom fishing in all areas with some early flounder action. Porgies haven't disappeared, however. Bluefish are most dependable for those who jig and troll or fish bunker, while sharpies who specialize in bass are doing fairly well on the September moon.

WESTERN SOUND

Jack's Bait and Tackle on City Island looked at a good start on fall blackfish last week with average fish to 4 lbs. Flounder action is good, and porgy angling off Hart's and Execution has actually picked up with scup running up to 1½ lbs. Worm trollers and plug fishermen with Rebels have been registering a few bass to 8 lbs. or more. Thursday afternoon saw lots of local action on cocktail blues.

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through Thursday off Garvey's Launch. The biggest blue weighed by Dave Watt went a shade over 18 lbs., and local tin boatsman Red Scanlon has been doing well with bunker chunks and live bunker on the gorillas. Morgan's and Mott's were also mentioned as hot spots. Worm trollers off Maxwell's and Crescent Beach had schoolie bass ranging from barely legal fish up to 8 lbs. Flounder are around, but not large, and there are still snappers available.

On the big boat scene, Pete Pearson called to say that the **Klondike VIII** from New Rochelle scored well until Sunday on blues around Stratford, about a two hour run. On Sunday, boat traffic reduced numbers to 10-30 per rod. The hot jig is the AVA Klondike in 4 oz., and most of the blues are 2-6 lbs. Friday saw seven bass to 10 lbs. in the catch, and Pearson expects the larger blues to be showing in good numbers this week.

Dom Cerbone said that the **Apache** from City Island had shifted to blackfish on the shallow reefs off Huntington and Eaton's. Catches ranged from five to 20 fish per rod with lots of tautog in the 2-3 lb. range and an occasional husky to 6. Fiddlers are preferred baits, but soft baits will take porgies along with the tautog. The **North Star** and the **Ebb Tide III** are also chasing bottom fish now. The former was reported to be working up in the Smithtown area on flounder and porgies.

Joe Fink was working along the Connecticut side with the **Lady Lil III,** according to Frank Ackley on the **Tarpon.** Fink is specializing on porgies and blackfish.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

Bluefish in the 8-15 lb. range made news on the Huntington scene last week, and the Cedars at **Huntington Prop** were planning on spending Sunday afternoon around Lloyd's and the mouth of the Harbor with live bunker. George Valentine at **4 Winds** said that the slammers could also be found off Northport and off the Cold Spring Causeway. **Ronnie's** had reports of big blues off Centerport and Sand City as well, and weighed a 13 lb. slammer on Sunday morning. Small blues from 2-6 lbs. could be jigged around Buoys 11B and 13 and a few bass to 12 lbs. were reported on diamonds. There were blackfish off Target Rock and Marshall Field and inside Buoy 13 as well, and some porgies were still being reported off Eaton's.

Tom Bowman at **Bowman's** in Northport told us that bottom fishing was now pretty good for porgies, blacks and flounder. Some of the fastest flounder action occurred right off the Town Dock.

Tim Caraftis at the **Caraftis Fishing Station** in Port Jefferson recommended the blackfish angling

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Ralph Davenport at **Ralph's** in Mount Sinai was pleased by the size of the harbor flounder—up to 1 lb.—and told us that some of the biggest porgies in the deep water off the station ran 3 lbs. Blackfish to 8 lbs. and blues to 9 lbs. had been weighed in the past couple of days, while trollers with umbrellas near Buoy 9 accounted for alligator blues to 16 lbs.

Packy Collins spoke of a good weekend, in general, with the **Ever Ready** out of Huntington. After a rough Saturday, Collins worked from Lloyds to the Obstruction Buoy on Sunday and produced a lot of 2-3 lb. blues plus eight bass in the 5-12 lb. range. George Shover took the Sunday pool with a nice linesider, and was among high hooks who had up to 20 fish per fare. Top jig for Collins is the 2 oz. Tri-Fin Tiger Stripe. Billy Collins had a big day with Dan Cohen's charter on the Broker (**Packy IV** listing). They managed 55 blues and a bass.

The **Aqua Gem** has been sailing daily from Port Jefferson on porgies and blacks with a few sea bass mixed in. John Fisher's better bottom fishing has been done locally.

NORTH FORK

Bass to 15 lbs. and blues to 18 have been trolled off Sound beaches with umbrellas in recent days, reported Nick Cyprus at **Warren's** in Aquebogue. Chunks are good bets for blues near Mattituck Inlet, and there are some fine blackfish close to the beaches as well. Bill and Rick Geib, guided by Cyprus, scored with blues to 14 lbs., and dropped a big bass.

The **Mattituck Inlet Fishing Station** was cheered by the return of the bottom fishing on Sunday after Saturday's northwest blow. Big porgies are now mixing in and the blackfish action is very good.

Ann Loria told us that **Captain Marty's** was enjoying fine catches of porgies—up to 175 fish. Snappers were still available, but summer weaks are disappearing. The New Suffolk station will be open next weekend, and will be selling bait on subsequent weekends.

Peconic Bay's angling is expected to nosedive after draggers enter the bays legally this Monday. How much the sweepers will affect the early flounder reported by the **Port of Egypt Station** in Southold remains to be seen. Fortunately, flounder fishing off Orient remains fair on both sides of the point with blackfish good off Mulford and the Light. Bigger porgies were also

reported from the Sound.

Art White was selling eels, white and yellow bucktails and yellow pork rind to commemorate the October moon. Favorite bucktail sizes at the **A.P. White Bait Shop** in Greenport are 2-3 oz. Bluefish are in Pigeon Rip and local flounder are small but plentiful.

We hear that the **Blue Albatross** has continued to mine the local lode of blackfish off Plum Island and in adjacent waters. Although porgy fishing has had its ups and downs off New London, George Porter of the **Brand X** informed us that he found the big concentration of scup again off New London on Sunday. Jumbos to 3½ lbs. were on a "mixing ground" in 130' of water where 10-12 oz. of lead was required. Flounder, a half dozen blues, bonito, albacore, and a fluke of 5 lbs. were mixed with the catch. Porter expects to stay with porgies through October 11 before deciding exactly when to switch to blackfish. He may go over to tautog as early as the 14th or he may continue on the scup through the second weekend of the month, depending on the Columbus weekend haul.

Surf Report

by Fred Golofaro

Bluefish on bait. That seems to be the story around the entire Island as we begin to slip into October. Montauk remains disappointingly quiet to hordes of casters on the weekend. Only a handful of weakfish and a couple of small bass cooperated despite the calendar.

Aside from the actual fishing news, many casters might be interested to know that Jack "The Painter" Murray had the unfortunate luck to slip on a rock at Jones Beach recently. The fall resulted in a broken hip which was operated on this past week. Jack, a regular fixture on many of the Island's beaches could probably use a dose of good cheer from fellow surfmen while he is recovering. He can be contacted at Brunswick Hospital, 366 Broadway, Room 209, Amityville, NY 11701.

Having spent the past week up on the Cape, it was a little tougher than usual gathering reports, but here is what we have. In case anyone is interested, lots and lots of bluefish still up north and very few bass as of Sunday. Same picture holds true for Nantucket.

Along Western South Shore beaches, RedFins and Rebels have been accounting for decent numbers

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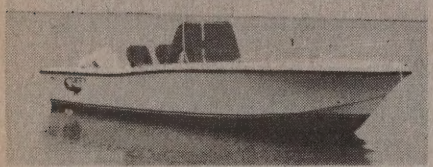

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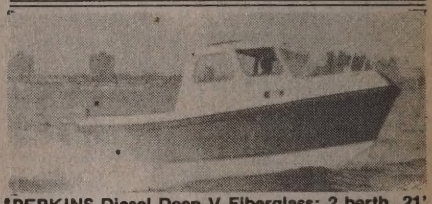

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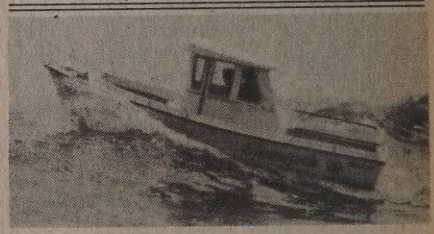

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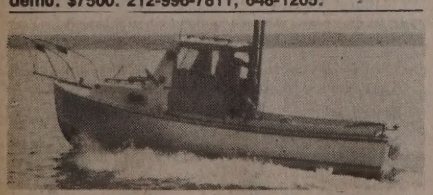

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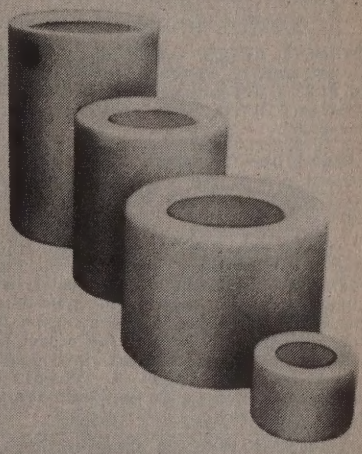

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of school bass from the rock piles. Big blues are also in the area with a 19 lber. weighed at **Beckman's** in **Island Park** on Wednesday. It was taken on a Rebel at the Silver Point jetty. Cut bait is producing most of the bluefish from the Rockaways through Long Beach, according to Charlie at **Beckman's**.

Lon Wanser of **Wanser's Tackle Shop in Seaford** knew that some blues into the high teens were taken at Jones Beach on fresh bunker, although a few fish were taken on tin. Lon also heard secondhand that big blues fell to bait at Cedar and Democrat Point this past week. The Seaford tackle man had no word on any bass taken from the area, however.

To the east, it's predominantly a pick of small blues with some small bass mixed in on tins and droppers, according to Paul Graniello of **J&J Tackle in Patchogue**. There were four bass from 10 to 20 lbs. taken by a group of casters west of the pavilion on Friday night, but it appeared to be a quick, one-shot deal. Same held true for some big weaks including a 14 lber. taken on the west jetty Thursday evening.

Out in **Montauk**, Johnny Kronuch of **Johnny's Tackle Shop** reported maybe a total of 10 weaks and a couple small bass for the weekend crowd of casters up front. We did hear from another source of one 18 lb. bass taken at the Point on the weekend but that's hardly anything to get excited about. Prior to Friday's strong northwest winds there was very good bluefish action for 2-4 lb. choppers on the south side beaches. Thursday was the last good day for this fishing. Boatmen working the full moon did nothing either, so it looks like we're still waiting for a body of fish to move south.

Up on the Sound, the western harbors continue to hold big bluefish for those casters who have access to these beaches. The open beaches around the middle of the Island are also producing some big bluefish with most of the action after dark or in the early AM on bait. A few school bass up to 7-8 lbs. are also being taken on Rebels and RedFins.

To the east, Stan Henschel of the **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** told of big blues after dark on bait and a few small bass on tins at daybreak along local beaches despite dirty water. Action with small blues in daylight dropped off, however. Of the night bluefish action, Stan looked over four choppers from 14 to 17.10 lbs. taken on chunks by Bill Stolz early Friday AM.

Out on the North Fork, pretty much the same story holds true, with a few school bass scattered along the beaches on Rebels, RedFins and tins and a few big blues on bait in the early AM or after dark.

High Tide Tables

How to use tide tables:

To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion tables. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that areas station above. Example: "Shinnecock Inlet...–0 50" is listed under "ON SANDY HOOK." –0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	Breakwater Harbor AM	Breakwater Harbor PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGE-PORT AM	BRIDGE-PORT PM	NEWPORT AM	NEWPORT PM	DATE
THUR.	11:35	–	–	12:20	–	12:15	12:50	1:05	2:30	2:45	2:40	2:55	11:40	–	10/7
FRI.	12:10	12:35	12:45	1:15	12:45	1:15	1:45	2:05	3:20	3:40	3:30	3:55	12:05	12:40	10/8
SAT.	1:10	1:35	1:45	2:20	1:50	2:15	2:50	3:10	4:20	4:40	4:35	4:55	1:10	1:40	10/9
SUN.	2:20	2:40	2:55	3:30	2:55	3:20	4:00	4:20	5:40	5:55	5:40	6:05	2:15	2:50	10/10
MON.	3:25	3:50	4:10	4:40	4:05	4:30	5:10	5:30	7:25	7:50	6:50	7:15	3:25	3:55	10/11
TUE.	4:35	5:00	5:20	5:50	5:15	5:35	6:15	6:35	8:40	9:10	8:00	8:25	4:25	4:55	10/12
WED.	5:40	6:00	6:25	6:45	6:15	6:35	7:10	7:35	9:40	10:05	9:00	9:25	5:25	5:50	10/13
THUR.	6:35	6:50	7:20	7:40	7:10	7:30	8:00	8:25	10:30	10:55	9:50	10:15	6:15	6:40	10/14

On SANDY HOOK

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	–0 01
Red Bank, Navesink, R.I.	+0 48
Long Branch	–0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	–0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	–0 12
Seaside Park	–0 33
Mantoloking zbridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	–0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	–0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	–0 26
Gt. Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 46
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNESEND INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	–0 02
Rehoboth Beach	–0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 14
SHINNECOCK INLET	–0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	–0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Harts Cove	+1 30
Pontunck Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	–0 38
Democrat Point	–0 38
Coast Guard Station	–0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville	+3 39
Heckscher State Pk.	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	–0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	–0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	–0 00
Beach Ch. Bridge	+0 38
JFK Airport	+0 26

On BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	–0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	–0 08
Herod Point	–0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 19
Horton Point	–0 20
Truman Beach	–0 42
Falkner Island	–0 13
Sachem Head	–0 10
Branford Harbor	–0 07
New Haven Harbor	–0 08
Milford Harbor	–0 07
Stratford	+0 27
Shelton	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor	–0 03
Saugatuck River	–0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	–0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+0 27
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land	–0 14
Montauk Inlet	–0 25
Montauk Point	–1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington	–0 33
Noank, Mystic River	–0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove	–0 01
Norwich	+0 09
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook jetty	+1 10
Lyme	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On WILLETS PT.

Little Neck Bay	–0 10
Execution Light	–0 06
Manhasset Bay	–0 01
Hempstead Harbor	–0 11
City Island	–0 03
Rye Beach	–0 28
Port Chester	–0 09
Mamaroneck	–0 08
New Rocheele	–0 24
Davids Island	–0 02

On B'WATER HB.

CAPE MAY POINT	–0 10
Miami Beach	+1 17
East Point	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	–0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River Ent.	+0 33
St. Jones River Ent.	+0 57

On NEW YORK

Jersey City	+0 07
Geo. Washington Br.	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburg	+3 42

On NEWPORT

Sakonnet	–0 10
Tiverton	+0 21
Beavertail Point	–0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Pt.	+0 10
Bristol	+0 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayett Point	+0 12
Pawtucket	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	–0 08
Point Judith Harbor	–0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Old Harbor	–0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

10/8	7:04	6:30
10/9	7:06	6:28
10/10	7:07	6:27
10/11	7:08	6:25
10/12	7:09	6:24
10/13	7:10	6:22
10/14	7:11	6:21

Moonrise/Moonset

10/8	10:39PM	1:04PM
10/9	11:39PM	2:07PM
10/10	—	3:02PM
10/11	12:45AM	3:49PM
10/12	1:54AM	4:29PM
10/13	3:05AM	5:03PM
10/14	4:15AM	5:34PM

Moon Phases

NEW	1st Qtr	FULL	2nd Qtr.
10/17	10/25	10/3	10/9

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The major periods begin at the time shown and last for 1½ to 2 hours thereafter, and are in the bold type face. The minor periods are shorter in duration and lighter type face.

	AM Minor	AM Major	PM Minor	PM Major
Thurs.	9:10	3:00	9:50	3:35
Fri.	10:20	4:10	10:55	4:40
Sat.	11:25	5:15	11:55	5:45
Sun.	—	6:10	12:20	6:40
Mon.	12:55	7:10	1:20	7:35
Tues.	1:50	8:00	2:10	8:25
Wed.	2:40	8:50	3:00	9:15
Thurs.	3:30	9:35	3:45	10:00

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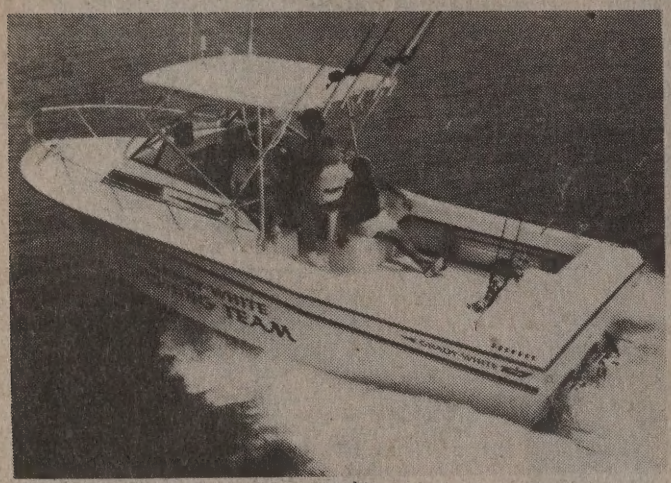
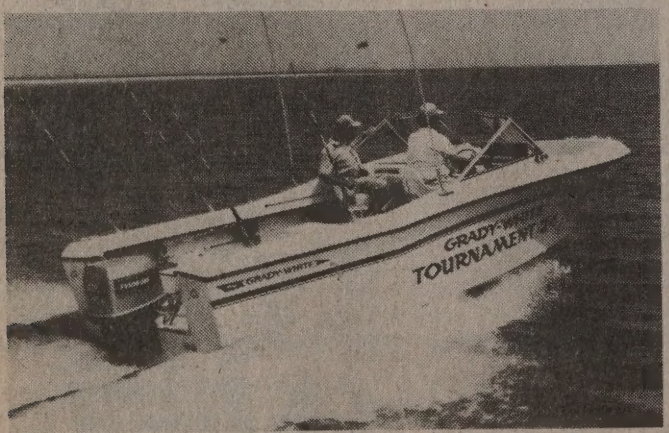


Trophy 25-foot day fisherman



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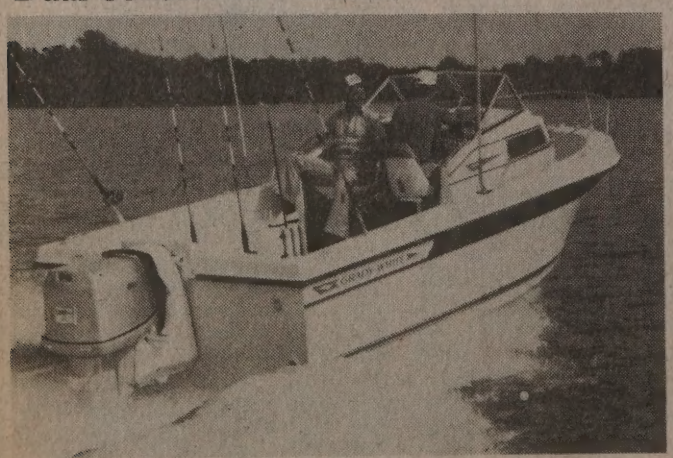

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